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Of the 120 employees of Palms Resort Saipan, 70 have received 60-day termination notices as the hotel officially announced yesterday its plans to close down for a multi-million renovation.

David Wickline, chairman and chief executive officer of Palms Re-

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TOPLINE DONATION

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from left, and Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, third from left, join other officials in accepting donations from Sablan Topline Co. president Lisa Sablan, fourth from left, of 500 bed sheets and pillow covers to the Commonwealth Health Center yesterday.

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Over 5K free laptops for NMI secondary students

From left, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, acting governor Eloy S. Inos, Public School System federal programs officer Tim Thornburg, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) address the crowd at the presentation of the 5,200 laptops for public and private secondary school students in the CNMI at the PSS office in Lower Base yesterday morning. The laptops are funded through federal grants.

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Public education officials unpacked yesterday crates after crates of 5,200 brand new laptops that will be given to the Commonwealth's secondary students in private and public high schools.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, along with school principals and program managers, gathered

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DPS releases more info, photo of missing fisherman

The Department of Public Safety released yesterday a picture and more information about the missing companion of a man who drowned at the Naftan Point in Obyan.



Li

DPS acting spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said the missing man, Jianke Li, 39, a Chinese national, arrived on Saipan in March 2005 and was employed by a company that makes charcoal. Blas said Li has an umbrella permit.

He was last seen wearing short pants and a white T-shirt.

Search and rescue teams have failed to find any signs or evidence of Li's location as of late Wednesday afternoon.

Li's companion, Sheng Jian, 32, a Chinese national, had drowned. Rescue teams recovered his body on Monday at 4:30pm.

Blas said the search for Li at the Naftan Point behind the

Hawaiian Rock Quarry ended Wednesday at 6pm.

Blas said the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau has been in communication with family members and friends of Li and Jian.

Police investigation showed that Li and Jian went to Naftan Point on Sunday at 8pm to do some cliff line fishing. When they failed to return home, a family member of one of the victims reported the matter to DPS Monday morning. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Tourist nearly drowns on Managaha

A Chinese tourist nearly drowned while swimming with her two children on Managaha yesterday morning.

Shi My Lam, 54, was revived at the Commonwealth Health Center. She was last reported under observation.

Acting police spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said a certain Mr. Kim called DPS at 9:34am and reported that an ambulance was needed at the Smiling Cove Marina.

Blas said the caller stated that a boat inbound from Managaha was transporting a victim of a

near-drowning incident.

Boating Safety officer Jimmy Sablan's preliminary investigation showed that Lam had been within the swimming zone of Managaha Island with two of her children when she was later seen floating face down. Lifeguards brought the victim to shore where she was attended to and placed in a recovery position.

Lam was then secured on a spine board and brought on a boat to Smiling Cove Marina. An ambulance brought her to CHC where Dr. Greg Kotheimer attended her. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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CHC still awaits Medicare's OK of hemodialysis center

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The opening of the hospital's Hemodialysis Center remains delayed due to the lack of certification from Medicare, according to Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez yesterday.

It's been almost a year since the Department of Public Health submitted its application with Medicare to use the machines for the hemodialysis center but there has been no response up to this time.

Villagomez is, however, confident that they have met all the requirements to become eligible for Medicare certification of the facility.

"In a matter of weeks, if not sooner, we expect Medicare to come in for certification.

Though it's a surprise visit, I can say we're pretty much ready [now]," he said yesterday during a donation ceremony at the hospital.

"We're now ready to sit down with them...and once they give us the approval, we can start seeing patients in the facility," he added.

Once the certification is issued, the brand-new hemodialysis center will be opened to the public.

The failure to secure the Medicare certification was

attributed to, among other things, an unsafe water treatment system that Villagomez said has already been addressed.

He explained that Medicare also needs to certify all the dialysis machines to make sure they are running well.

The new hemodialysis center has 38 stations. The old facility has just 25 dialysis machines that are now more than 9 years old. These old machines, however, could still be used once the center opens.



Villagomez

According to Villagomez, once certified by Medicare, all brand new hemodialysis

machines and the old machines in the hospital will be transferred and used in the new center.

"We've been using the old machines in our old facility and we will move them to the new center once certified.There are 38 stations there and we have a lot of machines," Villagomez said, adding that all hemodialysis staffers have been trained on how

to use the new machines.

Once the hemodialysis center opens, an estimated 27 patients can be treated all at the same time in one shift.

As of October 2009, a total of 102 dialysis patients were being handled at the hospital by a private clinic, St. Jude Renal Care.

The dialysis project was initiated during the Babauta administration in 2004.

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Ex-Tinian CUC resident director gets probation

The federal court imposed a five-year probation sentence yesterday on former Tinian Commonwealth Utilities Corp. resident director Edward K. Quichocho, who pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine or “ice.”

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David O. Carter set many conditions for Quichocho’s probation, including requiring him to undergo drug testing.

Quichocho was also ordered to pay a

\$100 court assessment fee.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto appeared for the U.S. government. Michael Dotts was counsel for the defendant.

The U.S. government indicted

Quichocho on one count of distribution of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

He agreed to plead guilty to posses-

sion of a controlled substance with intent to distribute as part of a plea deal.

Drug Enforcement Administration agents arrested Quichocho on Nov. 10, 2009. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Employees will also be subjected to 14 unpaid holidays next fiscal year, which starts on Oct. 1.

Implementing a 16-hour cut and unpaid holidays “is the only way to balance the budget,” according to acting governor Eloy S. Inos yesterday.

He and the House leadership agreed to combine the FY 2011 budget bill and the austerity bill.

“The austerity bill has not moved as fast as we would like it to be,” he said.

Inos reiterated that inherent in the governor’s FY 2011 budget submission are “austerity Fridays” or 64 hours per pay period reduction—and not the 72-hour cut per pay period proposed by a joint conference committee. The lawmakers’ austerity bill also does away with unpaid holidays, which the administration also factored into the 2011 budget.

During the 16th Legislature, the government was able to operate on 64 hours per pay period—also to address the fiscal crisis.

The acting governor said some agencies will be given “flexibility” to deal with the 16-hour work cut every pay period, depending on the nature of their responsibilities or functions.

The governor proposed \$132.565 million for the entire CNMI government operations in FY 2011.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), in a separate interview yesterday, said the House leadership approves of the administration’s recommendations of reduced work hours and unpaid holidays.

“The House leadership is going along with the administration’s recommendations of 64 hours or four-day workweek. We would also allow our legislative staff to have a four-day workweek,” Tenorio said.

Tenorio, a former governor, said he

will also propose to the House Ways and Means Committee to further reduce the appropriations for the Legislative Bureau to \$700,000.

The budget bill originally allotted \$1.78 million to the bureau, with a maximum \$1 salary for its director. This was later reduced to \$1 million.

Tenorio said his other proposals will cut the Legislature’s expenditures by \$1 million, which will be given to the Executive Branch.

Reduction in force

Inos said the Fitial administration has also resumed the efforts of the Reduction-in-Force Task Force, which is reviewing the positions that may have to be removed or employees that may be furloughed or terminated—both civil service and excepted service.

Inos said a reduction in force will be implemented along with the 64-hour work per pay period.

Currently, only excepted service or contract employees under the Executive Branch are subjected to a 10-hour work reduction.

Inos said the government continues to operate on a deficit. For the first three quarters, the operating deficit was at some \$23 million. This means the government is spending some \$23 million more than its \$137 million budget.

“The budget as it stands now is the property of the Legislature. . . . We came in with recommendations. Essentially, we asked that the amount be restored to the governor’s submission because we went through a series of in-depth and extensive analysis of the proposed budget and that’s how we came up with a balanced budget,” he said.

Inos said the administration is also asking the Legislature not to restore the \$155,000 annual operational account for each lawmaker given the current financial conditions. The current operational account is \$70,000 to \$80,000 per lawmaker.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan)

said until a new budget bill is presented, nothing is final yet.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said the administration needs to justify the 64 hours per pay period.

“The question is, why is the administration keep on hiring or filling positions for administrative assistants and other non-essential positions when it asks people’s salaries to be cut,” he said.

Corrections

Tenorio said there are “a lot of corrections,” mostly technical, that need to be made in the FY 2011 budget bill.

He said the Ways and Means Committee chaired by Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Basa) would need more time to make these changes to House Bill 17-96, so he cancelled yesterday’s session. The session began on Monday.

But while the committee works on merging the budget and the austerity bills, there has yet to be discussion on any austerity measure for the remainder of FY 2010. There are only some 45 days before the end of the current fiscal year.

Inos said the austerity may be held off for the remainder of FY 2010 or a standalone ill may be introduced.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, also said the administration is concerned about the budget bill’s figures.

“They would have to try to reconcile the numbers and make sure they’re in sync with total resources,” Inos said in an interview right after witnessing Sablan Tophline Co.’s donation of 500 bed sheets and pillow covers to the Commonwealth Health Center yesterday morning.

Inos met with the House leadership until past 6pm on Wednesday on the budget bill.

Failure to pass a new budget by the start of FY 2011 on Oct. 1 will shut down government operations as a result of last year’s constitutional amendment.

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at the system’s Lower Base office to witness the opening of the newly delivered items.

“This is making technology accessible to our students in the secondary level so that they can access the information superhighway. Because we want them to reach out and know what’s happening out there in the world and in the community, allowing them access to this electronic equipment. . . will raise a very important awareness level for them,” said Sablan.

She said the laptops—Latitude 2100 netbooks from Dell Corp.—will be given to incoming 7th to 12th graders in all public and private schools.

Before being given the laptop, the students, their parents, and the school system will sign an agreement for accountability purposes.

The student will be allowed to bring the computer home and seniors will be given the opportunity to own the laptops after their graduation next year.

“As long as they have the agreement [and that] they have complied with the terms of the agreement. . . I would like to offer public school students the opportunity to own the laptops,” Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Junior high school students would continue to use the equipment in their senior year.

Sablan said the PSS will propose to the Board of Education a laptop use policy.

Sablan, during yesterday’s ceremony, lauded the hard work of Saipan Southern High School principal Craig Garrison, who helped put together the One-Laptop-Per-Child Project. Garrison said it took 14 months before PSS finally came to realize the project.

The project was initially proposed for just Saipan Southern High but it was later decided to expand it to all CNMI schools.

The project was supposed to start last school year but due to manufacturing delays and other issues, it was

decided to issue the laptops this new school year.

High-tech

PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh said the items were shipped in on Tuesday and were cleared and opened yesterday.

The 5,200 netbooks cost a total of \$2.2 million, with \$1.7 million sourced from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and the remaining amount from the ARRA consolidated grant.

Thornburgh said it may take a week after the opening of classes on Sept. 7 to issue the laptops to students to ensure an accurate count of eligible recipients.

PSS will also make sure that each laptop will be free from viruses, well accounted for with the use of bar codes, and will block certain networks for the safety of students. The laptops are also equipped with camera, Wi-Fi, and touch screen.

Thornburgh said the items are enough for their expected high school enrollment this school year.

‘Big day’

Acting governor Eloy Inos described yesterday’s gathering in Lower Base as a “big day” for the CNMI because of this major accomplishment for students learning. He lauded PSS and the BOE for its wise use of its monies.

“This is a big accomplishment. . . and I just hope these will be properly taken cared of because these are tools for our students to embrace learning,” Inos said.

U.S. Rep. Gregorio C. Sablan (D-MP) also praised PSS and BOE for their leadership. He announced that besides the stimulus funds, CNMI education would receive more federal funding amounting to \$8.3 million to assist teachers.

“Our prosperity, in my opinion, lies on our education,” he said.

Board of Education member Herman T. Guerrero said the technology would greatly help student learning.

Also in attendance yesterday was PSS Parent Council president Juan Sablan.

the island,” he said.

Challenges

Wickline recognized the challenges they would face to accomplish their “bold plan.”

If and when the hotel reopens, Wickline said, one concern would be the ability to hire the needed staff for the hotel if the ambiguity of immigration policies of both local and federal governments remains unaddressed.

Since tourism is the “lifeblood of the Commonwealth,” Wickline also said that creative work should be done with the airlines to encourage more seats for the islands and promote tourism in the CNMI.

Despite the challenges, Wickline said they believe they can accomplish their bold plan with the cooperation of the government.

“If the Commonwealth is to have a brighter future, it needs to focus on promoting the tourism industry here. As part of that, we need this kind of cooperation with the government to create the kind of environment that fosters the tourism industry,” he said.

PALMS RESORT

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sort Saipan, confirmed the layoffs and the renovation plan in a news briefing yesterday at the hotel.

Wickline said they met with the employees who will not be part of the renovation efforts on Wednesday to inform them about the closing and renovation plans.

Services of the other 50 employees have been retained since they will be critical for the closing of the hotel and securing of the property, Wickline said.

“[It] was a painful day for us because we had to announce the closing of the hotel. With the closing of the hotel, it meant that many of our staff had to be let go,” said Wickline, adding that the process was “painful” since a family environment is encouraged among the staff.

According to Wickline, the last day they would accommodate guests is on Oct. 4.

Palms Resort legal counsel Robert Torres said the hotel will work within the limit of what it can afford with the

current economic condition on island.

“[Palms Resort] couldn’t do renovation and maintain operations at the same time, given the occupancy,” said Torres who also attended the briefing with United Micronesia Development Association chair Joe Lifofoi.

UMDA owns the 14-story, 313-room hotel formerly called Hotel Nikko.

Shareholders of UMDA include different governments in the region, including that of the CNMI, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia, with more than a thousand shareholders throughout Micronesia.

Torres said nonresident employees are entitled to at least 30 days notice about the termination of their contracts.

According to Torres, they had informed the CNMI Department of Labor and the federal Office of the Ombudsman about this.

While complying with local and federal laws about employees who will be laid off, Wickline said their human resources department is also working on ways to help these employees by going to other hotels to place some of their staff whom he described as “talented

and hardworking people.”

“We are doing our best to assist them in every way possible to facilitate their transfer or process their repatriation,” he added.

Bold plan

After reviewing all options, Wickline said the UMDA board of directors decided that the “best way forward” for the future of the hotel is to close it down and embark on a new concept that will pioneer a new standard for hospitality services in the Micronesia region.

“We’ll offer the kind of services that are currently not available on Saipan or in the Micronesia region so that we’ll be creating a lifestyle-centered destination resort with world-class spa and wellness facilities on the one hand and a zone of entertainment and interesting activities on the other,” he said.

To execute the plan, UMDA has hired a management team led by hotelier Ingo Schweder of Spatality, which is known for developing modern wellness and lifestyle-driven properties around the world such as the Ritz-Carlton and Mandarin Oriental.

Government workers to get paid today

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Thousands of government employees will receive their electronic transfer payroll today, thanks to fresh cash infusion brought by tax collections toward the end of July.

But acting governor Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the government is still in a precarious condition in that every payroll would depend on cash collections.

"I understand from the secretary of Finance we're okay [today]," he said in an interview at the Department of Public Health, where he witnessed Sablan Topline Co.'s

donation of 500 bed sheets and pillow covers to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, said the government also has hospital bills to pay, pharmaceutical supplies to buy, and other obligations, but it was able to ensure there will be payroll today.

Most government employees experienced a payless payday on June 18 because of cash shortage. Succeeding payrolls were made through paper checks because the government was depending on cash collection up to the last minute to avert another

payless payday.

"Once they are assured funds are available, then they can do electronic transfer. But if we are waiting for [today's] collection to make that decision, then we go paper check, because when we do electronic transfer, that's a direct hit into the bank account so that the money has to be in the back account in order for ACH to work," Inos added. ACH stands for automatic clearinghouse.

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PSS hires 60 new classroom teachers

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The Public School System has hired 60 individuals over the summer, boosting the teacher workforce when the new school year opens next month.

PSS human resource director Charley Kenty said yesterday that these new hires are all classroom teachers that will be farmed out to 20 public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota starting Sept. 7.

The new teachers also include about 20 replacements for those who resigned, retired, and relocated to off-island.

"We have 60 new hires and a lot of them are returning students. Also part of the number are those who were hired to replace some teacher positions," he told *Saipan Tribune* in Lower Base yesterday.

PSS expects a greater pool of teachers this new school year due to funding assistance from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, Kenty said.

"We will probably maintain a higher number of teachers this year because of our ARRA funds. We're looking at about 40 more classroom teachers for the new school year," he

said. Plus the 20 replacements, this brings the total new hires to 60.

PSS closed the last school year with about 560 teachers, he said, including some who left the system during summer.

The stimulus money restored 105 positions at PSS that were cut in previous years due to limited appropriation from the CNMI government. These posts include teachers, librarians, and school counselors.

According to Kenty, the new hires will be provided one-year contracts with a provision that they will need to complete the highly qualified teachers' requirement to be renewed: degree, valid certificates, and Praxis.

PSS has until July 31, 2011, to comply with the federal mandate of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which requires all classrooms to be manned by highly qualified personnel.

To date, 77 percent of over 500 public school teachers are classified as HQT.

"For those non-HQTs, we give them limited term of one year employment that will end in 2011. If they don't meet the requirement, we will no longer hire them...that's the system's position now," Kenty added.

Kenty also disclosed that PSS has only a few teacher aides and teacher assistants this new school year, all servicing the special education and bilingual programs.

"Most of our teacher aides are for special education and hiring depends on whether or not it is required under the individualized education program," he said.

CUC sets power outage on Capital Hill tomorrow

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a power outage tomorrow, Aug. 14, 2010, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, affecting three laterals on the Feeder 4 circuit on Capital Hill. This will affect the Mednilla Avenue, Guguan Drive and Acho Street.

CUC said its linemen would replace five deteriorated power poles and their line hardware on the 1300 Block. Vegetation will also be removed from the power lines. Because of the extreme danger in working on energized lines, the power outage is necessary to ensure safety to the line crews.

"This is part of an ongoing maintenance program that will continue throughout the island over the next few weeks. Other areas of the electrical grid will also be assessed and any needed repairs will be scheduled and performed accordingly. These maintenance activities along with others to be announced later are part of CUC's efforts to minimize storm disruptions as we enter the typhoon season," said CUC. (CUC)

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Veterans town hall meeting in August

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) confirms that officials from the VA Regional Office in Honolulu have accepted his invitation to speak to local veterans on health care and benefits.

"Together with Ruth Coleman from the Office of Military Liaison and Veteran's Affairs

and other veterans groups in the NMI, we are pleased to announce this opportunity for our local veterans to hear directly from VA officials," said Sablan.

The veterans town hall meeting will be held on Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi Pur-

pose Center in Susupe.

Dr. James E. Hastings, director of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, and Brigadier General (U.S. Army, ret.) will be on hand to provide information on VA health initiatives in the region.

"We are very grateful that

Dr. Hastings has rearranged his schedule in order to make it to this event. His efforts reflect the importance of CNMI veterans to the VA and I encourage all our veterans to take advantage of this opportunity to voice their questions and concerns." Sablan added. (PR)

USCIS hosts Webinar to help employers with CNMI Form I-9

The Verification Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will conduct its third in a series of one-hour Webinars on the CNMI Form I-9 on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, from 8am to 9:15am local CNMI time.

The Webinar is a live meet-

ing that takes place over the Internet. The meeting includes a presentation that gives attendees the opportunity to learn about the CNMI Form I-9. The CNMI Form I-9 is for use only in the CNMI and is required for all new hires in

the Commonwealth since Nov. 28, 2009.

To register for a USCIS Webinars, go to the Sign Up for a Webinar page at <http://go.usa.gov/it1>.

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customer service representative Tuesday through Saturday from 4am to 1pm local CNMI time by dialing 1-888-464-4218.

To learn more about the federalization of immigration law in the CNMI, go to www.uscis.gov/cnmi. (USCIS)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 13, 2001

DOF returns legislators' money

The Department of Finance has relented and reverted back to the Legislature the money it took from the account of each legislator to cover the deficit in the retirement fund contributions of each legislator's employees. Special Assistant for Budget and Management Ed Tenorio said in an interview Friday afternoon that, after marathon meetings between officials of the Executive branch and the Legislature last week, the finance department has agreed to return the money it took from the Office Account funds of the legislators. "Yes, the finance department has agreed to reverse its earlier decision to encumber the Legislature's Office Account funds with the deficit in the retirement fund contributions of Legislature employees due to some legal questions raised by the legislators," he said.

CDA open to dialog with Gardenia owners

The Commonwealth Development Authority reiterated Friday its willingness to negotiate with Ronald D. Sablan, president of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, in connection with a lawsuit that threatens to foreclose a mortgaged lot where his Pacific Gardenia Hotel is situated. F. Matthew Smith, CDA's counsel in the \$2 million lawsuit, said his client's main interest is not to acquire Sablan's hotel if the 1,017-square meter lot in Chalan Kanoa where it stands is eventually foreclosed by the court. "We are mostly interested in getting our money back." "We are willing to work with them (Sablan's group) if they can come up with a legitimate plan, not just promises," assured Smith in a telephone interview.

Aug. 13, 2002

NMI's solid waste management lauded

As CNMI government agencies pool efforts to have a new landfill, another federal agency, the Department of the Interior, lauded local efforts to address Saipan's solid waste problem. Saying that Saipan's solid waste management could serve as a model to other U.S. territories, Joe Barboo of the federal department's Operations, Maintenance and Improvements Program said much has been accomplished by the local government to prevent a garbage crisis on the island. "We work with DPW [Department of Public Works] since the early 1990s. Saipan has done an outstanding job in terms of solid waste," Barboo said. He was on Saipan when interviewed yesterday regarding federal matters. Barboo was reacting to a statement issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX.

Treasury rushes scholarship checks

The Division of Treasury did a special run yesterday for the scholarship checks so that beneficiary students can receive them in time for the start of fall classes. Responding to complaints of some students who have not received their checks yet, Finance Secretary Frankie Villanueva asked yesterday for their indulgence, saying it takes time to process and print out all 565 checks. "The Governor did sign the release of the funds late Thursday last week. The Treasury is doing a special run today for scholarship checks. There are 565 checks for the students, so it takes a little bit of time to process," he said.

Aug. 13, 2003

AGO responds to suit contesting seatbelt law

The Attorney General's Office fielded a legal intern to oppose the claim of a lawyer who questioned the constitutionality of the seatbelt law following his receipt of a traffic citation. Joseph James Norita Camacho opposed the request of lawyer Timothy MB Farrell to dismiss the complaint against the latter for driving a vehicle with his passenger not buckled up. "Defendant [Farrell] further argues that the statute is facially unconstitutional for its failure to prescribe a maximum fine. Defendant has apparently overlooked 9 CMC §7112, which prescribes the maximum penalties permitted for any violation of any provision of the entire title, except where specifically otherwise provided," Camacho said.

DPH considers alternative to PHI

The CNMI Medicaid is reportedly considering an "alternative" outpatient pharmacy to save on medicine costs for Medicaid patients. This, following findings that the PHI Pharmacy-an exclusive outpatient drugstore of the Commonwealth Health Center-had been overcharging the CNMI Medicaid, resulting in its recent refund of \$245,000 covering the last six months of 2002. "We're looking at other things, other alternatives to save on prescription drugs. We've been spending so much [on prescription drugs]," said DPH Secretary James U. Hofschneider in a media briefing.



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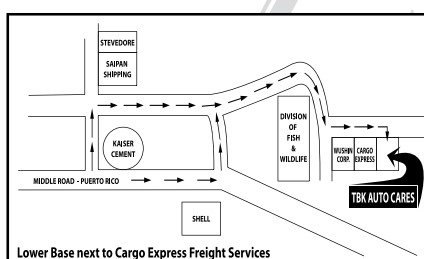
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Playing the presidential race card

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The Obama presidency increasingly reminds me of the 1961 best-seller, "Black Like Me."

The author of that classic in civil rights literature was Texas journalist John Howard Griffin, a white man who darkened his skin to pass as a black in the segregated South. By pretending to be something he was not, Griffin awakened the world to the plight of American blacks living under the racist policies of the Jim Crow South.

Sadly, President Obama's racial fixation has become disturbing in recent months. By pandering to racial pride and grievance he is betraying the liberal tradition that enabled him to become president—a tradition represented by Frederick Douglass, Branch Rickey, Zora Neale Hurston, Stanley Crouch and others who spoke out against racial injustice and defining individuals by their color.

By obsessing with racial issues, Obama makes a mockery of a tradition that sought to "get beyond" race.

The cornerstone of that tradition was the notion of a colorblind society. Indeed, as recently as 1967, the NAACP—which stirs the racial flames today—agitated for no racial identification whatsoever on any form, such as birth certificates, marriage licenses, or job or loan applications.

Zora Neale Hurston, one of the 20th century's preeminent black writers, spoke for the colorblind ethic when she said, "Why should I be proud to be black? Why should anyone be proud of their skin color? Races have never done anything. All that is good and excellent is the work of individuals." And she meant it.

By way of contrast, President Obama in April pandered to black voters by making a public display of his "black-only" Census identification. The president who once said he "could not disown his white mother and grandmother" did just that.

A second foundation of the liberal tradition of racial harmony was the notion of equal justice for all.

The NAACP's founder, a white man—Moorfield Storey—would cringe at the president and NAACP today.

The NAACP's McCarthyist name-calling and "guilt by association," directed at members of the so-called Tea Party movement, together with President Obama's selective outrage at injustices both at home and abroad, would strike Storey as disturbingly similar to the white supremacist principles he fought against with the NAACP.

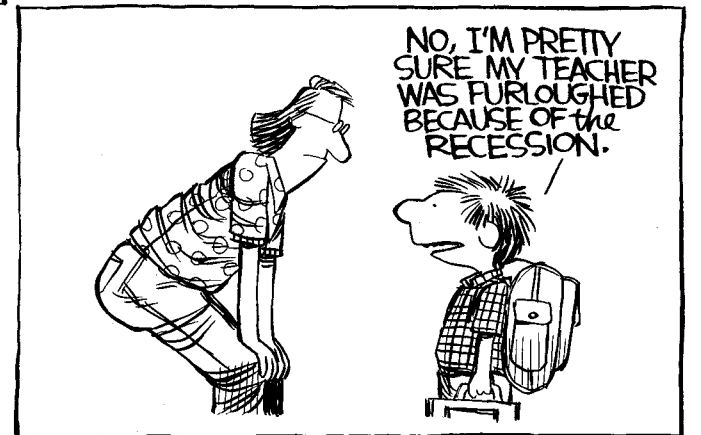
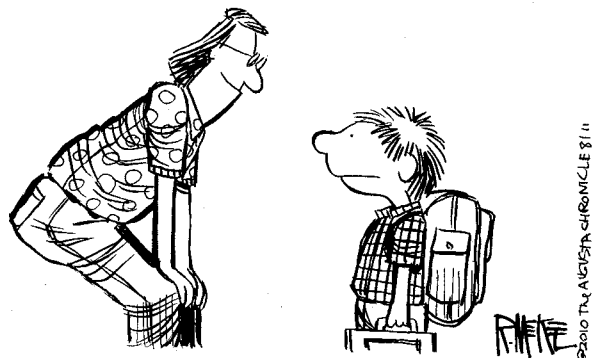
The president and the NAACP need to remember that the civil rights movement also attracted a fringe element. Even people that many now glorify, such as Malcolm X, spewed the worst anti-Semitism and anti-white racism. The Rev. Martin Luther King was accused of accepting the help of communists and socialists—and individuals with such ties were indeed part of the civil rights "movement," because in a free country everyone has the right to petition the government for redress of grievance.

More disturbing than the NAACP's political posturing is the president's one-sided view of justice. What kind of signal does it send to the country when the Department of Justice refuses to prosecute members of the New Black Panther Party for intimidating whites at a polling place? Justice is supposed to be color blind, not wear blinders.

President Obama originally grabbed the imagination of the American people after a speech, now reprinted in countless books, speaking of biracialism and a desire to transcend race. A small cottage industry of books emerged describing the shift to "post-racial politics." That was then, this is now.

His popularity plummeting, President Obama now turns inward into his "blackness" and turns the other way as his supporters project all opposition to his party and policies as racist. This is wrong.

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Vietnam among Afghans and beyond

The reason we left Vietnam was not due to a sudden enlightenment of leadership but because *We the People* demanded it.

The dramaturgy of the last helicopter out of the roof of the Saigon CIA apartment in Operation Frequent Wind 35 years ago makes for good media copy, but it conveys only a romantic view of the pain we caused ourselves and others in our slow and officially reluctant incursion into the land the Zhong Guo Hans call *Yue Nan*.

The oppressive and indifferent silence of a nation, chastened if not contrite, experienced by returning combatants in the aftermath of what could only be a humiliating military defeat of a nation that prided itself as the only real superpower left after World War II, had birthed post-traumatic stress disorder. With the meteoric ascension of the nation from No. 18 in world military ranking in 1939 to No. 1 in 1945, and only the former USSR vying for par stature until the collapse of the Berlin Wall, we might get a grasp of the Aryan-conditioned journey we took as a nation in the last three scores and 11 years.

I engaged a guard at the Ada International Airport one early morning not too long ago during the 2am-4am unholy traffic. He had seen action in many theatres of operations. He is biding his time until he completes his 20th year service and retire. "I am now about to apply for a passport," he lamented. "I've been to 20 countries around the world without one, and as a civilian, I will now have to."

Visits to 20 countries without a passport! He bragged with the wink of an eye about being in overt and covert operations, from Noriega to Saddam Hussein, Serbia and al-Qaida, which led me to believe that the security guard, low in the chain of command, has an imagination better nursed in the literature department of a university; or, is backed by a Pentagon willy-nilly disregarding diplomatic protocol of Orwellian proportions.

Saigon of 1975 saw the collapse of Uncle Sam's paradigm as a "will-do, will-win" military might. While President Obama cautions us from comparing Afghanistan and Vietnam, the lessons of both wars are nothing but tragic. Our airport security staff is nowhere close to that view. He rented about Hanoi Jane and Kerry the Commie, with his rage shooting spitfires like a foaming rabid dog. But we agreed on one thing: We have no business being in Afghanistan!

Three summer's ago, I joined the Teach Vietnam Teachers Network training at the AU campus in Washington, D.C. A network of collegial teachers of either side of the war debate from around the nation annually engages in a weeklong familiarization of events and exchange of lesson plans on the Vietnam War. No less than Pulitzer Prize winner Stanley Karnow who wrote what is unarguably the definitive *Vietnam, A History* was accessible in the pedagogical exchanges among participants. Robert McNamara's *In Retrospect*,

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the Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam had already been in print for a decade, and though the Wall that Heals is the signature monument in the nation's capital, Vietnam in the nation's soul is a sore wound that is taking more than a generation to heal.

The mother of my two SpEd kids while laboring under Bill Clinton's watch at USAID in the '90s had me bringing our children for their dairy breaks to her Ohio-bred mammary papilla. On those times, at Foggy Bottom, I let the stark simplicity of design of the Vietnam Memorial monument drive a stake on the conflicted waves of our spirited patriotic soul.

We've said too many solemn goodbyes lately to our young whose lives are cut short from being in arenas of military conflict elsewhere, sugarcoated in the language of patriarchal patriotism and in defense of democracy, never mind that the bubble of oil ultimately defines the Pentagon budget. The last goodbye was doubly tragic in that the cause of terminated breath was from an in-house hostile source. Yet we continue to send young folks whose choice of upward mobility narrows down to either higher education or the uniformed services. Since there are too many children academically left behind, the choice of the comfort and benefits of the armed services remains the beaten path.

Remembrances on Aug. 6 and 9 of Hiroshima and Nagasaki once again echoed primal sentiments about taking the offense to provide good defense, justifying many acts of atrocities, monstrosities, and adventurism. We recall Uncle Ron's response upon being sent home from Lebanon—we invaded Grenada. We watched with amusement the superior air of the military mind in the fiasco surrounding run-of-the-mouth Gen. McChrystal and his staff's comments about the competence of their civilian superiors. We do not have to go that far; the defiant display of local personnel's braggadocio and machismo (of both genders) are not wanting of daily examples.

We've all been engaged in patriarchy's guidance of civilization in the last 3,000 years. With the ascendancy of female voices in centers of power, we may yet see a rationale to patriotism other than human sacrifice. Hope springs eternal! As McNamara, one of our best and brightest, amply demonstrated, sometimes what seems to be an act of treason may just be the voice of human reason.

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Creating a limited user account

Here's a headline for you: "Thousands of online banking customers have accounts emptied by 'most dangerous trojan virus ever created.'" So said the U.K. *Daily Mail* online on Aug. 11.

That caper was about English banks, not Saipan banks, but it's one of those lessons, and worries, that have universal impact. I don't know anyone in Saipan who doesn't bank, or shop, or pay bills, or invest, or do business, or correspond using the Web, and most people I know would check "all of the above."

Fortunately, I've got a little trick that Windows XP users can use to help guard against virus problems. It's free and it's easy.

Before we get into our defensive game here, let's do a semantic chalk-talk: In casual circles (namely mine) the term "virus" is a catchall for the bad stuff out there. It's easier to say "virus" than to say "viruses, trojans, spyware, root kits, and other malicious software not otherwise specifically specified."

As for the trick, it is to create a Limited User Account within Windows.

Here's the deal: When you set up your computer, you were appointed and anointed as "Administrator." This made you the boss, with all the rights and privileges thereunto, including the power to change various settings as you see fit. Unless you defined a separate and distinct "user" account, and most folks apparently don't, then

whenever you go online you're going online as the Administrator.

(If that's not clear, then, for the benefit of my pals, let me restate it: Unless you done did what I'm fixin' to learn you how to do, then you ain't done what needs doin'.)

The problem here is that you've opened a pipeline for viruses to stick to your system if they enter your computer. Since they're entering via your Administrator door, whatever nefarious schemes they harbor can get the full benefit of your powerful Administrator privileges. In other words, you gave them the keys to the castle.

One way to combat this, then, is to create a second, watered-down user account on your computer, one that doesn't have Administrator rights, but instead has "limited" rights. By using this account when you go online, many viruses that manage to sneak into your system will fail. Instead of the keys to the castle, you've merely given them the keys to the guest room.

It takes less than a minute to do this:

- 1). Click the "Start" icon in the lower left corner of your screen.
- 2). Click on "Control Panel."
- 3). Click on "User Accounts."
- 4). Click on "Create a New Account."
- 5). Enter a name for the account.
- 6). When prompted to select "Account type," make sure you select "Limited." Be careful: The default option might be "Computer

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administrator," which is the wrong choice for this mission.

7). Click on "Create Account" to seal the bargain.

And, congratulations, you've done did what needed doing. Now all you have to do is remember to use this "user account," not your usual one, before you go online. Don't let the term "account" fool you, this distinction has nothing to do with the outside world or your Internet service provider accounts, we're not talking about that kind of "account." The "account" is strictly a housekeeping measure being used by your computer to specify a user.

Is this clever trick a perfect solution to computer security problems? Of course not; it's merely one little brick in the defensive wall. Are there drawbacks to using this trick? Yes, but minor ones, namely, it can be a little cumbersome to wear two identities on your own computer. But speaking of cumbersome, I'm out of space, so I'll continue next week. I'll also feature a security website that you should know about.

Oppenheimer, Tibbets, Tinian and Hiroshima

Tinian Island in the western Pacific claims a history going back some 4,000 years to the first courageous navigators who arrived here via sailing canoes, yes, canoes.

The last hundred years have seen a massive change in the island, its people, and the landscape. The Germans bought it from the Spanish after the Spanish-American War in 1896. The Japanese took it from the Germans without a shot at the beginning of the first World War and changed it into an agricultural export giant sending refined sugar, rum and coffee across Asia and the world. Then came another war, one that was to forever stamp Tinian's name into the history of humanity.

Sixty-five years ago last week the first atom bombs were loaded aboard the *Enola Gay* and *Bock's Car* B29s flying off of what then was the largest and busiest airport on Earth. Four massive runways at North Field and two more at West Field were kept busy night and day, seven days a week non-stop for months flying fully loaded sorties against Japan's cities, factories, ports and industry. The result was a devastation unlike anything that country had ever seen and still there was no "quit" to be found in those proud people. It was to take a weapon that took warfare to a whole new level to cause the people of Japan to surrender and end that conflict we call World War II.

The story of how that day's mission came about was the subject of a symposium on Tinian last week that bared many of the previously unknown details of the Manhattan Project. The lectures brought together key military personnel, many historians, authors and specialists in A-bomb lore. Gen. Howie Chandler, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, gave the keynote address at the symposium and his remarks about the continuing need for Pacific Area partnerships and continuing vigilance were well received by the audience of some 150 interested persons. Tours around the island to historic locations usually covered by the ever-encroaching jungle were cleared and facilitated by the organizers led by historian Don Farrell.

A memorial service held on Aug 6th at the site of the A-bomb loading pits near Runway Able was timed to coincide with the exact time of the detonation of "Little Boy" on Hiroshima 65 years earlier. Attendees included a four-star general, Air Force Gen. Howie Chandler; a two-star general, Gen. Douglas Owens, USAF; the Marianas Islands delegate to the U.S. Congress, Gregorio 'Kilili'

Sablan; Northern Marianas Islands legislators, and other luminaries. Gen. Owen's keynote remarks reminded all assembled there of the personnel losses that led to these missions and of the immense technological strides made by the huge team of scientists, engineers, military experts and others under the massive team assembled by the Manhattan Project.

The 65 years that have passed since the days of those historic missions have not dimmed the importance of their effect on the face of warfare and on the future of mankind. As a race we humans live, govern, and prepare for our defense differently as a result of the fearful power unleashed that day. Today, the guardians of that technology, the military personnel who on a daily basis live with the hardware and the strategy and tactics to deliver it, deserve accolades beyond our ability to voice. Our "Thank You" and "Well Done" have to suffice for those of you who continue the mission of eternal vigilance that guards the gates of the nuclear age and keep its power

By **BRUCE BATEMAN**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



of deterrence leashed, but ready if needed.

Today, Tinian is a laidback vacation paradise. Abandoned Shinto shrines, canons in caves and ruins in the jungle now tell the tales of WWII. Warm tropical breezes, outstanding scuba diving and great fishing top the list of pastimes now. The friendly residents invite us to come and enjoy the pristine beaches, the world-class casino resort, and to explore the historic WWII sites that still bring a surge of emotion to those who see them and stand on the very sites where world history was made.

Letters to the Editor

Response to Retirement Fund chair comments

There needs to be clarification in reporting of comments made by Mr. Sixto Igisomar of the Retirement Fund per Aug. 9, 2010, *Saipan Tribune* article, "Retirement Fund sees need for 'disability test.'" In the article, Mr. Igisomar is purported to say that once a disability test is "implemented on island, this test would help employers determine the appropriate salary level for the disabled workers." Furthermore, he is specifically quoted as saying, "Because we don't have [a disability test] here...we're providing [people with disabilities] equal salary with other employees unlike in other states where employers may reduce the salary of their disabled workers depending on their disability level."

The notion of a person's salary being commensurate with the level of disability or of lowering a person's salary due to the severity of said disability rather than whether or not he can perform the required tasks is outright discriminatory... I don't suspect that's what Mr. Igisomar intended, so it ought to be clarified.

The community and employers should understand very clearly that whether or not a person has a disability (severe or otherwise) is not a determining factor for salary level. The only relevant question when employing individuals with disabilities is whether or not they can *perform the essential functions of the job* with or without accommodations. Individuals with disabilities still have the responsibility to be qualified and, like anyone else, are not entitled to jobs beyond their capacity, but they should not get paid less simply on account of their disability when doing the same job as someone without a disability.

It may be that Mr. Igisomar is talking about "Employment Under Special Certificates" (USC 29 Chap. 8 § 214 (c)) - "Handicapped Workers" whereby (1) "The Secretary, to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment, shall by regulation or order provide for the employment, under special certificates, of individuals (including individuals employed in agriculture) whose earning or productive capacity is impaired by age, physical

or mental deficiency, or injury, at wages which are (A) lower than minimum wage; (B) commensurate with those paid to non-handicapped workers, employed in the vicinity in which the individuals are under the certificates are employed, for essentially the same type, quality and quantity of work, and (C) related to the individual's productivity."

Whatever the case, individuals with disabilities are entitled, like anyone else, to equal pay for equal work.

For more information regarding the rights of individuals with disabilities, please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7275 [fax] or 235-7278 [tty] or on-line at www.nmpasi.com.

Jim Rayphand

Executive director, NMPASI

Make Saipan jungle boots- and BDU-free

The Marines are coming to Guam next year. Expected numbers are in the vicinity of 14,000. Tinian leaders are anxious of this sudden development.

It's up to them what to do with Marines as I am not from that island with little or no say at all. As for Saipan I suggest that we keep this island if we can as a family destination, both for the military and tourists.

Money will come soon. Let us not rush to greediness. I hate to walk around Saipan seeing jungle boots and BDU (battle dress uniform) in our mom and pop stores like what is happening in Guam now and will soon happen on Tinian.

Let the Marines use the Northern Islands for training. Leave Saipan alone as a family island. Jungle boots and BDU are off-limits. I guarantee you that even military personnel on vacation here on Saipan will like this island free of jungle boots and BDU. The Army Reserve is an exception. I fully support the Marines' buildup in the Marianas as long as my idea is supported.

Thomas Aquino Cabrera Camacho

via e-mail

PLAYING

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The president needs to remember his own bi-racial roots and remind his administration and supporters that criticism is not the same as hate. He also needs to re-read the classics of civil rights literature; Frederick Douglass could teach him a thing or two, as could the earlier figures of the NAACP.






A race-obsessed Mr. Hyde appears to be living within President Obama's Dr. Jekyll at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The president needs to be rid of him.

Jonathan Bean, a research fellow at the Independent Institute, (www.independent.org), 100 Swan Way, Oakland, Calif. 94621 and a professor of history at Southern Illinois University and editor of "Race and Liberty in America: An Essential Reader." For information on TII's funding, please go to http://www.mediatransparency.org/recipientgrants.php?recipientID=1119.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 90 ▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 80

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Rain	▲ 61 ▼ 57
Beijing	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 74
London	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 81
New York	Showers	▲ 80 ▼ 71
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 78
Paris	Rain	▲ 66 ▼ 54
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Rome	Rain	▲ 83 ▼ 66
Salem	Sunny	▲ 98 ▼ 64
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 53
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 80
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 75

Tides				
Saipan Harbor				
3:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet	
9:35 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	
4:09 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	
10:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends southwestward from 17N144E to 8N141E. Convergence near the trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marianas within an area bounded by a line from 20N144E to 12N153E to 8N148E to 13N142E back to 20N144E. Scattered showers are found east of Yap between 12N and 9N from 139E to 143E. An upper-level low centered northwest of the CNMI near 24N143E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 110 miles of a line from 19N139E to 21N144E to 21N150E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Pohnpei between 10N and 3N from 153E to 157E and just north of Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 5N159E to 8N169E farther east. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located east of the Marshall Islands within 80 miles of a line from 3N173E to 7N180.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Today	8:50 AM	9:00 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Saturday	9:49 AM	9:46 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Sunday	10:48 AM	10:33 PM
Monday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM	Monday	11:46 AM	11:22 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM	Tuesday	12:44 PM	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 4, 2010					
DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM			GUAM-ROTA (ROP)		
C09597	5:00am	5:30am 1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM			GUAM-SAIPAN		
C09317	4:25am	5:15am Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:00am	8:35am Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA			NAGOYA-SAIPAN		
DL640	7:40am	10:20am Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN		
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN		
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am 1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am 1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm Daily
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1 Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm Daily	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
FM844	2:50am	5:40am 2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING			BEIJING-SAIPAN		
CA988	3:15am	6:55am 1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am +1 4, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am 1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL630/641	6:30am	1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am 6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1 Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm 6 via GUM
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm Daily via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm 3, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 3, 5 via GUM-Palau
			C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1 Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG			HONG KONG-SAIPAN		
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am 1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm 1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
			C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1 1, 5 via GUM
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Airline		ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline		ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota					FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily	
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily		FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily	
Rota-Saipan					FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily	
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily		FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily	
Guam-Rota					FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily	
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily		FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily	
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily		FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily	
Saipan-Rota					Tinian-Saipan				
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily		FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily	
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily		FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily	
Saipan-Rota					FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily	
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily		FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily	
Rota-Guam					FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily	
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily		FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily	
Saipan-Tinian					FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily	
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily		FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily	
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily		FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily	
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily		FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily	
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily		FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily	
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily		FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily	
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily		FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily	

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Letter to the Editor

A meaningful recommendation

I am writing to respond to Mr. Gregorio Cruz's Aug. 9, 2010, letter to the editor in the *Saipan Tribune*, "Plethora of questions." In that letter, you said the CNMI should simply reject the DOI report recommendations on the guest worker solution. I've made my position clear. I voted in favor of Senate Resolution 17-20 objecting to the DOI report and traveled to Washington D.C. to say so to Congress, and recommended to the Senate Federal Relations Committee to hold hearings on the topic. Among my comments to the Subcommittee On Insular Affairs, I stressed the CNMI had not been "consulted" as required by US Public Law 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, and DHS has not developed regulations for our transitional guest worker program. But I've also been saying for a long time, saying "No" only is not enough.

Over the past two months, the Senate Federal Relations Committee conducted seven, three-hour long public hearings, five on Saipan, and one on Rota and Tinian each. On Saipan, they were held in Koblerville, Susupe, Garapan, San Roque, and Kagman. As I mentioned earlier, I believe it is futile to simply oppose the DOI report and its badly crafted "recommendations." The DOI report was re-

quired by P.L. 110-229 to draft a report on what should happen with long-term guest workers. Agree or disagree, they compiled. But we must remember that the DOI does not have the right to determine; Congress must do that. So why wouldn't our people provide our own recommendation?

To be clear, the DOI report does not actually recommend any one solution, but rather provides a list of five possible outcomes. The first three, outright citizenship and green cards, which is a pathway to citizenship, would ultimately make many of the guest workers future voters. The last two, status similar to that of the Federated States of Micronesia status, would give guest workers a legal right to remain here, or in the U.S., but with no future right to citizenship and no right to vote.

I think we can agree the DOI's recommendations provide drastically different outcomes. Maybe our people want the guest workers to have legal status, allowing them to continue to work and live in the place, which has become their home, but no right to vote and little rights to receive benefits. Or maybe we want all guest workers to become U.S. citizens and to vote. Or maybe we want a mixture of ideas, FSM status for a number of years that would

eventually lead to citizenship. Maybe we want to send all non-residents home. Whichever any of us might chose, if we only say we were not consulted and therefore reject the DOI report, do we really think Congress will not act anyway? And if they act and we are seen as being obstructive and not wanting to participate in a solution, I predict a bad outcome.

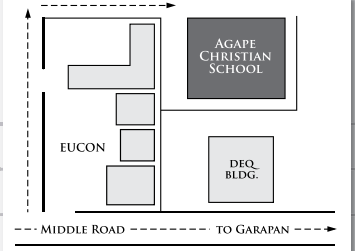
I was surprised when at the last hearing in Kagman, local attorney Steve Woodruff, well known as a champ for the guest workers, spoke about how bad the DOI report is. He said he could not possibly support anything the report said. If we can agree with Mr. Woodruff that the DOI report is not sufficient, then now is our opportunity to give Congress a well-reasoned recommendation. But if we just say, "We weren't consulted so reject the report," Congress will act anyway and make changes none of us will like.

I will encourage chairman Jude Hofschneider to hold one last public hearing, after the Senate's draft report to Congress is complete but before the final version is sent. I encourage you and others to attend, and help us give a meaningful recommendation to Congress.

Paul A. Manglona
President, 17th Legislature

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC Presidential Search Committee extends application deadline

The Northern Marianas College Presidential Search Committee has extended the deadline for accepting applications for NMC president. The new deadline is Aug. 31, 2010. For more information about the presidential search or to view a copy of the vacancy announcement, visit www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Second Saturday Strides this Saturday

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be launching *Second Saturday Strides* this Saturday, Aug. 14, starting from Minatchom Atdao to Quartermaster Intersection and back. The *Strides* are monthly 3-mile fun runs/walks held on the second Saturday of every month, and are the CCA's newest initiative to raise funds for cancer awareness and patient support programs, and to promote healthy physical activity in the community.

Registration begins at 5:30am, and the running and walking begin at 6am. The registration/donation fee is \$5, and all proceeds will go to support the Commonwealth Cancer Association's programs. Participants from the Marianas March Against Cancer, including members of Team Courage, are encouraged to wear their T-shirts from any year and any color.

Second Saturday Strides is made possible through the support of Foremost Foods, Micronesia Brokers (CNMI), Inc., and the Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. For more information contact Fundraising Committee chair Jocelyn Deleon Guerrero at jocelyndlg@yahoo.com or program manager Tina Sablan at 682-0050 or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Individual education programs: A workshop for parents

The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested parents to attend this workshop on Individual Education Programs on Sept. 1, 2010 at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan from 8am to 1pm. Parents play an important role in the development and monitoring of their child's IEP. This half-day session will address: the purpose of the IEP; information parents can contribute to the IEP; the process for determining necessary services; monitoring one's child's educational progress; and collaborating with one's child's team. The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. She was involved with the development of one of the first Parent Information Centers in New Hampshire in 1977. She is also a special education director of 20 years. (PSS)

Workshop for PSS Special Education staff

The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested special education teachers, teacher aides, related service providers, as well as principals and other PSS administrators to attend this workshop on Individual Education Programs on Aug. 30-31, 2010, at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe, from 8am to 4:30pm. The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. (PSS)

CCA board to meet on Aug. 17

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of directors will be convening their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Department of Public Health conference room starting at 3pm. This month's agenda will include review and adoption of the 2009 Annual Report, discussion of the CCA's quarterly financial report ending June 30,

updates on the CCA's Pacific CEED Legacy Project grant application, the Program Manager's Review, monthly reports from the Board Committees and Program Manager, and discussion of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition Meeting held on August 4. All Board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact CCA at 682-0050 or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Jury cancellation

This is to inform all prospective jurors for panels "ZS" that the jury selections scheduled for Aug. 16, 2010, at 8:30am in courtroom 202A are hereby cancelled until further notice. For further information, contact Dora SN. Decena, jury coordinator, or Rosie Ada, deputy clerk, at 236-9765. (PR)

Hopwood calendar of activities

- Aug. 13: Last day for student registration; CLOSED.
- Aug. 30: Mandatory Student/Parent Orientation at 8am-10am at the stage area.
- Sept. 1: All HJHS teachers and staff must report to work.

HJHS school uniforms will be readily available at HJHS office, starting Aug. 19 to Sept. 7. Parents can begin placing orders starting Aug. 16 with Ruby Hocog. Students can use their old uniforms until such time that they buy the new blue and gold color uniform.

- Sept. 7: First day of school.

HJHS school supplies lists will be available at the National Office Supply & Modern Stationary. When buying your child's basic school supplies, be sure to ask the cashier for the list.

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State of the Commonwealth Address proposed for Sept. 14

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

The Senate is calling for a joint session of the Legislature to receive Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's State of the Commonwealth Address on Sept. 14 at 10am.

Senate Joint Resolution 17-1, which the Senate adopted on a 9-0 vote in yesterday's session, also urges Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) to deliver his State of the NMI Delegate Office Report on the same date.

The proposed venue is the House of Representatives chamber on Capital Hill.

Article III, Section 9(b) of the CNMI Constitution directs the governor to report annually to the Legislature regarding the affairs of the CNMI and any new measures that are necessary or desirable for the Commonwealth.

The last joint session of the Legislature to receive Fitial's SOCA was on May 27, 2009.

In the past few years, the governor would always deliver the SOCA in April or May.

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), author of SJR 17-1, said that during last year's joint session of the Legislature, the delegate did not report about the State of the Delegate Office despite a request from the Legislature.

"We strongly urge him [delegate] to submit his report. ...He owes the people of the Commonwealth to report on the state of his office, and the vehicle to do that is to address the Legislature," Reyes told his colleagues.

At last year's joint session of the Legislature, Sablan was part of a congressional delegation visiting CNMI troops in Iraq,

Afghanistan and Kuwait. For this reason, Sablan was not at the joint session.

Sablan, when asked for comment yesterday, said he wished the Legislature would have tried to communicate their plans with him before setting the date of the joint session so they could have set a date that works for all.

"This year's September 14, 2010 joint session date conflicts with my session days in Washington. Congress establishes session schedules one year in advance and we return to work the week of September 12, 2010. I need to continue to push through issues that are important to our people and islands and the work days in September is our last opportunity to work on these issues before Congress recesses," he said.

The delegate said H.R. 4339, or the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Fel-

lowship Act, is scheduled for a subcommittee hearing on Sept. 16, 2010.

On that same day, a hearing is also scheduled on H.R. 3770, which proposes to make technical corrections to subtitle A of title VII of U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control.

"This legislation addresses the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program and could potentially impact our Russia and China tourists. It is ultimately important to our tourism industry and to our economy so I need to be at the hearing," Sablan said.

He said he must therefore make a choice between being at the joint session of the CNMI Legislature or attending to his work in Washington, D.C.

"I think that our people would expect me to be in Washington

to support the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Fellowship Act and to protect the Russia and China tourists presently allowed to enter the CNMI," he added.

The Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Fellowship Act directs the Interior secretary to establish the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Fellowship Program to award local government and federal government fellowships to qualified students from the CNMI.

Reyes' SJR 17-1 now goes to the House for action.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), in a separate interview yesterday, said the governor should have delivered his SOCA before he submitted a budget proposal to the Legislature so that the governor could justify his budget submission.

He said as a lawmaker, he wants to hear from the governor

how he intends to address the fiscal crisis.

Tenorio, a former governor, added that he does not agree with the joint resolution asking the delegate to also deliver a report.

Reyes' SJR 17-1 said that while there is no requirement under PL 110-229 for the CNMI congressional delegate to report to the people, "The delegate has a responsibility to inform the people and the government of the CNMI on the efforts of his office to advance and protect the CNMI's interests and to address other federal matters concerning the Commonwealth."

U.S. PL 110-229 or the federalization law also allowed for the election of the CNMI's non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. The CNMI held its first election for delegate in November 2008.



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Sablan Topline donates bed sheets to CHC

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

A total of 500 brand new beddings were donated yesterday to the Commonwealth Health Center to help the hospital address some of its immediate needs for patient care.

Sablan Top Line Company donated 250 brand new bed sheets and 250 pillowcases with an estimated value of about \$5,000.

In a ceremony yesterday at the hospital, Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, along with acting governor Eloy Inos, expressed their gratitude to the company for its great help to the hospital.

Villagomez admitted that because of the current economic downturn, the department's budget is being used to address more pressing needs at the hospital such as medication, labo-

ratory equipment, payment to vendors, and personnel salary.

"We truly appreciate this donation. Because of our current economic condition, it's important that we have nice and clean bed sheets and pillowcases for our patients. Although we admit the need to have this type of supplies, it's not on top of our priority [now]. We have to address first our medication, laboratory and other important needs," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said CHC is very fortunate to get so many donations from the community, alleviating the cost of operating the only hospital on the island.

"This is a huge savings for us because our hospital needs to replace our bed sheets and pillowcases on a regular basis. But because we're adhering to Medicare standards, there are certain periods that we need to wash them...so because of con-

stant washing, they don't last too long," Villagomez said.

CHC is a 78-bed facility and the need for bed sheets and pillowcases depends on the number of patients.

The 500 items donated yesterday will allow the hospital to provide three bed sheets for each room.

"With this donation, we would be fine until next year... just for the sheets itself," said Villagomez, adding that hospital staff will inventory the items and affix the hospital's logo.

He said the department does not regularly purchase bed sheets and pillowcases and just procures a specific number, based on how many are currently needed.

"Normally, we don't have bulk purchasing on a regular basis. If we are short by, for example, 100 sheets, then we would buy what is needed," he added.

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Twenty-eight CTSI employees have successfully completed a course in "Defensive Driving For Professional Truck Drivers." The course materials were provided by the National Safety Council. The NSC is a non-profit, charitable, international public service and membership organization dedicated to educating and influencing people to prevent accidental injuries and deaths. The instructor, Ron Biggers, said the island of Saipan is congested with traffic and being a trained defensive driver is a way to save time, lives, and money in spite of the conditions around you and the actions of others.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Happy 6th birthday to our princess, Keona Macaria Agulto Rogopes, who will be celebrating her birthday on Aug. 15! Best wishes and may you have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Boy, Katie, and the family!



Advanced happy birthday greetings to Alvin Daproza, left, who celebrates his birthday on Aug. 14, and Ashton Camacho, right, who celebrates her birthday on Aug. 15! May your birthdays be filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter and love! Greetings from Cams and all your friends! We love you!



Happy birthday greetings go out to Jillian Hernandez. May God bless you and may you have many more birthdays to come. We love you. Greetings come from your Fendi family.

Happy birthday to U.S. Coast Guard IT3 Richard Gacutan Macaraeg of St. Petersburg, Florida, who is celebrating his 20th birthday today, Aug. 13! Warm greetings come from your mom Flo and the rest of your Chalan Piao family! We wish you the best on your special day!



Advanced happy birthday greetings go out to Maria Asuncion Belibei, who will be celebrating her birthday on Aug. 15, 2010. Greetings come from your Jo-eten Ace Hardware family!



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- Not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact
- Avoid other people and prefer to play alone
- Prefer not to be held or cuddled
- Have delayed speech and language skills.

Behavioral

Children with autism may:

- Be very organized (e.g., line up toys or other objects)
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have odd movement patterns (e.g., flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles)
- Have frequent temper tantrums
- Be overly active
- Purposely hurt themselves
- Repeat words or actions over and over
- Look at objects from unusual angles.

Other areas

Children with autism often:

- Are overly sensitive to touch, sounds, taste or smells
- Lack fear in dangerous situations
- Have an intense need for routines
- Have learning difficulties
- Lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were using).

If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your baby's doctor or call the Children's Developmental Assistance Center at **664-4830** for a free developmental screening.

Children with autism can learn, grow and succeed.

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Information adapted from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Learn the Signs. Act Early. Supported in part by project H25MC06112 from the MCHB (Title V, Social Security Act), HRSA, DHHS.

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Business

E'SY KITCHEN RESTAURANT & BAR

Lunch buffet ushers move to new locale

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER



Looking for a new lunch spot in town? Check out the latest promotion of E'sy Kitchen Restaurant & Bar on their new location next to Abyss in Garapan.

E'sy Kitchen now offers a very reasonably priced lunch buffet for all local diners who are in the hunt for a welcome from their usual lunch routine.

For only \$7.50, customers can indulge in their fairly new lunch buffet introduced less than a month ago and includes three scrumptious dishes that change every day.

The lunch buffet comes with bottomless iced tea, unlimited soup, and fresh salad bar.



CLARISSA V. DAVID
Kitchen Restaurant & Bar has moved to its new location next to Abyss in Garapan.

Assistant manager Jojo Gotengco told *Saipan Tribune* that their affordable lunch buffet is E'sy Kitchen's way of providing local patrons a hearty lunch that's within their means.

Gotengco said they want the public to have a great alternative to noontime dining on island.

Aside from the buffet, E'sy Kitchen still has their popu-

lar lunch set menu which also costs \$7.50.

For the lunch set, E'sy Kitchen guests have an option to go for the pasta dishes or the rice set menu.

Pasta lovers can enjoy delectable dishes that consist of Mentaiko spaghetti, spaghetti meat sauce, tomato and basil cold spaghetti, spaghetti tomato sauce, spaghetti with clam sauce, spaghetti anchovy and cabbage sauce, and Alfredo spaghetti.

All spaghetti set dishes come with garlic toast and the fresh salad bar.

Rice aficionados will surely delight in any of the following: pork ginger, hamburger steak, hayashi rice, omelet rice with cream sauce, coconut keema curry or the yakisoba set. These dishes are all served

with rice and come with the fresh salad bar, too.

Those who avail of the lunch set menu can satisfy their sweet tooth as it goes with their choice of free dessert, added Gotengco.

Apart from the lunch specials, Gotengco said guests can also have a go at their classic menu which includes their well-loved seafood spaghetti, mouth-watering lobster, and very appetizing Angus beef steaks prepared just the way you like it.

E'sy Kitchen has more for its diners with their stamp card promotion. The cardholder is entitled to one stamp for every purchase of \$7.

Cardholders can redeem their stamps with its monetary equivalent. Twenty stamps equals \$7, 40 stamps is \$15, while 50 stamps is

\$25. The card is only valid for a year from its date of issue.

With their new location, Gotengco said they can now accommodate about 60 people in their dining area. He added that they now have a private room that can sit in 10 to 12 individuals and is perfect for meetings and small gatherings.

Pamper your taste buds and visit E'sy Kitchen Restaurant & Bar at their new location. Open seven days a week, E'sy Kitchen serves lunch from 11:30am to 2pm. They are open for dinner from 5pm to 11pm, with the food order accepted until 10pm only.

Major credit cards accepted. Twenty-percent local discount applies. For information or reservation, call 233-3550.

Gulf leaders wary over wavering on final plug

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—When a new cap shut off the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico nearly a month ago, some locals read it as a period rather than a comma in the saga.

Now, with BP PLC and

federal officials pondering whether the final plug, or "bottom kill," is even necessary, those officials fear national disengagement from what remains a crisis of unknown proportions.

"This is going to be a long-

term situation," Jefferson Parish Council Chairman John Young said. "I think it's way too early for the federal government have a 'mission accomplished' type of attitude."

Work on the final kill to the well has been postponed by

bad weather blowing through the region. Crews drilling relief wells to the gusher have stopped their work, and will need about four days to finish once the weather passes, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Wednesday.

Watchdog panel cites global impact of US bailout

WASHINGTON (AP)—The \$700 billion U.S. bailout program launched in response to the global economic meltdown had a far greater impact overseas than other countries' financial rescue plans did on the U.S., according to a new report from a congressional watchdog.

Billions of dollars in U.S. rescue funds wound up in big banks in France, Germany and other nations. That was probably inevitable because of the structure of the Trea-

sury Department's program, the Congressional Oversight Panel says in a new report issued Thursday.

The U.S. program aimed to stabilize the financial system by injecting money into as many banks as possible, including those with substantial operations overseas. Most other countries, by contrast, focused their efforts more narrowly on banks in their nations that usually lacked major U.S. operations.



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-089

"PURCHASE OF CLASSROOM FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT FOR THE GREGORIO T. CAMACHO (GTC) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of Furniture and Equipment for Newly Built Classrooms at GTCS.

The List of Furniture and Equipment required is available beginning Friday, August 6, 2010 at the PSS Procurement Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Mr. Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax to 664.3791 or E-Mail to robert.florian@cnmipss.org.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "PSS IFB 10-089" containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement Office no later than August 20, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. Any bid received after this date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-093

"DESKTOP COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR DANDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Desktop Computers and Accessories for Dandan Elementary School**. The Scope of Work is available beginning on August 6, 2010 at PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing addressed to Mr. Reo Arriola, Vice Principal - Dandan Elementary School via fax at 664-5035 or e-mail to the following address: reo.arriola@cnmipss.org.

All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-093" containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**, at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

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ACROSS THE NATION

Web embraces JetBlue flight attendant in NY ruckus

NEW YORK (AP)—A folk hero in digital times, JetBlue flight attendant Steven Slater has been thoroughly embraced by the Web. Not only have news stories about his meltdown on a plane from Pittsburgh to New York City been exceptionally popular on the Internet, but he's been feted in all manner of online tribute. Even JetBlue Airways Corp. wryly noted on its blog post Wednesday that many people reacted: "Like, the entire Internet." Slater has consistently ranked as one of the most popular topics on Twitter and has birthed a small cottage industry of Facebook pages, with titles such as "Free Steven Slater" and "I Support Steven Slater." One group, dubbed the "Steven Slater Legal Defense Fund," is seeking to raise money for the airline veteran. More than 650 people are members of the group, which was founded by Gary Baumgardner, a pilot who pledges transparency in donating all the collections to Slater. He said he had raised more than \$1,500 as of early Wednesday.

Agents raid pot operation in Wis. national forest

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Federal prosecutors charged eight men on Wednesday with running multiple marijuana farms across a swath of national forest in northeastern Wisconsin following overnight raids. The charges came just hours after more than 200 federal, state and local agents raided plots in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. They arrested six of the men at a home that investigators said had been transformed into a marijuana processing plant complete with a cache of guns. Court documents filed late Wednesday said a single drug trafficking organization was overseeing marijuana grows and employing workers on multiple sites in the forest. The documents did not name the organization or elaborate on the men's roles in it, though national forests and parks have become prime targets of Mexican drug gangs setting up expansive marijuana fields in the U.S. in recent years.

Gibbs stands by remarks on liberals—sort of

WASHINGTON (AP)—White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Wednesday he might have said things differently when he lashed out at liberals he called the "professional left" and suggested some of them should be drug tested.

But he told his daily White House briefing that he's certainly not leaving his job over the remark, as at least one Democratic congressman has suggested.

And he stuck to his line that President Barack Obama has accomplished or made great strides on key goals and promises despite criticism from some liberals that he has not done enough.

Gibbs found himself in hot water with some liberals after his remarks in an interview with "The Hill" newspaper. The spokesman said that liberals who likened Obama to former President George W. Bush on many policies should be "drug tested."

One Democratic congressman, Minnesota's Keith Ellison, suggested Gibbs resign.

Asked if he regretted his choice of words, Gibbs said, "many times I could have said thing slightly differently."

But, he added with a chuckle, "There's no truth to the rumor that I've added an inflatable



White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs briefs reporters at the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010. AP

exit to my office."

It was a reference to JetBlue flight attendant Steven Slater, who became angry at a passenger, cursed the passenger out over the plane's loudspeaker on Monday and then slid down

the inflatable emergency slide to the tarmac at New York's Kennedy Airport.

Gibbs said he hasn't talked to Obama directly about his choice of words, which he called "born out of frustration."

Arkansas search for fugitives a dead end

GENTRY, Ark. (AP)—They fancy themselves a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde who pulled off a brazen prison escape in Arizona and allegedly went on a bloody, multistate crime spree. They have dyed their hair and stuck to out-of-the-way places to avoid drawing attention to themselves.

John McCluskey and Casslyn Welch have

become two of the most-wanted fugitives in America over the past two weeks as they traversed far-off towns across the West and eluded capture at every turn.

On Wednesday, the manhunt shifted from the wild, open lands of northern Montana near the Canadian border to a tiny town in the Ar-

kansas Ozarks where McCluskey and Welch were briefly suspected of robbing a beauty salon. Investigators later said they believe someone else carried out the heist.

Benton County Sheriff's Office spokesman Doug Gay said photographs and descriptions of the suspects give authorities in Gentry "no reason to believe these are those individuals."

It was the latest maddening turn in the manhunt.



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INVITATION TO BID

ITB10-GOV-152

Roof Repair & Supply & Installation of Accordion Type Typhoon Shutters for Govt Building #1367

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Roof Repair & Supply and Installation of Accordion Type Typhoon Shutters for Govt Building #1367 for the Crime Prevention Unit, Department of Public Safety, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Monday, August 13, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) On Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project on August 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the project site. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on August 23, 2010 to Ms. Nerissa Benavente of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Or faxed to (670) 6642408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITD10-GOV-152". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, August 31, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time August 31, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign count/ no later than August 31, 2010 and must be received no later than September 7, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, September 8, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on August 31, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive or all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
 Procurement and Supply, DOF



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
 2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai
 Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW10-RFP-015

DESIGN BUILD For RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF WIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING No. N-25, UPPER NAVY HILL, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals for the **Design Build For Renovation and Expansion of WIC Administration Building No. N-25, Upper Navy Hill**, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. however, Article 7, "Local Business", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is **not available** because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 4-102 of the Procurement Regulations.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after **August 06, 2010** at the DPW, Technical Services Division, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A **Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the WIC Administration Bldg. No. N-25, Upper Navy Hill on August 16, 2010.** Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos Jr.**, Director, Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time August 18, 2010.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (resumes and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, *cannot* submit as a subcontractor or another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and Background of the Company- 40%;
2. Past experience of the contractor on design builds projects and successfully completions- 15%;
3. Capability and ability to perform the work and completed within the time frame- 10%; and
4. Costs-35%.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**DPW10-RFP-015**". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 20, 2010**. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 20, 2010** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticm.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, August 20, 2010 and must be received no later than August 31, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A Surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (**180**) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (**US\$100.00**) per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made, therefore, negotiation shall be conducted with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. The successful proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

This Project is funded by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services

All responses to this RFP shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

All submitted proposals received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
 Secretary of Public Works

/s/ JOSEPH KEVIN VILLAGOMEZ
 Secretary of Public Health

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
 Director, Procurement & Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

3rd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building
 P.O. Box 501220 CK, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-037

Implementation of work plans at Isley Field, CUC Power plant # 3, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced environmental firms the for the "Implementation of work plans at Isley Field / CUC Power Plant No. 3, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands". The work includes installation of equipment, data collection and development and implementation of clean up measures. Deliverables also include submission of periodic and appropriate sampling and assessment reports, proposed cleanup action /plan and performance report. A final report will also be required that shows the workplan implementation. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The Scope-of-Work will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until August 13, 2010**.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP- 10-037 Implementation of Work plans at CUC Power Plant No. 3**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 24, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **August 5, 2010** at 9:30 AM (CHST) local time at the CUC conference room in 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan building, followed by a Site Visit (to Isley field Saipan).

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bid offer. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors must submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The proposer is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **August 17, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

3rd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building
 P.O. Box 501220 CK, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-040

GRANT MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION and A&E TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Office of the Governor, Benigno R. Fitial and the Office of the Lt. Governor, Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation are soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Grant Management/Administration and Architect & Engineer Technical Services for the CUC Water-Wastewater Division in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general, of contract administration of grants and locally funded projects, writing and developing grant, design development, bid package preparation, development of infrastructures of water and wastewater facilities.

The A&E firm services will be in contract for a period of one (1) year subject to renewal dependent on fund availability. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. Progress payments shall be to the Contractor. This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Interior.

The CUC procurement regulations for Architect/Engineer (A/E) Procurement Regulations Title 50 Chapter 50 of the CNMI Administrative Code Paragraph 50-50-305 to publicly announce all requirements for Architect-Engineer services and negotiate contract on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications at a fair and reasonable price. After public announcement of requirement for A&E services, statements shall be reviewed by CUC, and after discussion, selection shall be made in order of preference of A&E firm to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. The CUC shall attempt to negotiate a contract with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to CUC. In the event that a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated, negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations shall be undertaken with the next highest qualified firm.

The scope-of-services and proposal requirements will be made available for pick-up, on **July 19, 2010** at the CUC Water-Wastewater Division, Room No.18, 3rd Floor, Room 18, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays.

One (1) original and six (6) copies along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-10-040, Grant Management/Administration and A&E Technical Services**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than Tuesday, **August 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST) local time**. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time on, **August 11, 2010** to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net and Captain Robert Lorenz, Water-Wastewater Engineer at email robert_lorenz@cucgov.net.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
 Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ ANTONIO S. MUNA
 Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

3rd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building
 P.O. Box 501220 CK, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-044

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

1. OMB Circular A-133
2. Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States
3. Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)

The following information must be included in the audit proposals:

- 1) **Title Page**
 - a) RFP Subject
 - b) Name of Firm
 - c) Local Address
 - d) Telephone Numbers
 - e) Name of Contact Persons
 - f) Submission Date
- 2) **Transmittal Letter**
 - a) A brief statement of your understanding of the work to be performed and an affirmative statement to perform the work within the time period stipulated
 - b) State all inclusive fees for which the audit will be performed.
- 3) **Firm's Profile**
 - a) Provide a brief description of your firm's personnel professional/educational background and experience, number of staff, staff level (partner, manager, supervisor, etc.) and client listing.
 - b) The firm shall make an affirmative statement that at least the partners are certified public accountants.

The date of contract award will be no later than September 30, 2010. Audit work shall be commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2011.

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-044, Financial & Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2010" to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time, on September 14, 2010**.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Approach to Project (25 maximum points)
2. Qualification of the Principal and Proposed Staff (25 maximum points)
3. Experience on Similar Projects (25 maximum points)
4. Time to Complete the Project (20 maximum points)
5. Cost (5 maximum points)

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950; Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer, at email address charles_warren@cucgov.net; and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement & Supply Manager at email address msablan@cucgov.net.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC..

/s/ ANTONION S. MUNA
 Executive Director

World

More rain expected in China as flood toll rises

ZHOUQU, China (AP)—Overnight thunderstorms brought fresh misery to survivors in a remote area of northwestern China on Thursday as the death toll from weekend flooding and massive landslides rose to 1,117.

The National Weather Center forecast heavy rains in the coming days—up to 3.5 inches (9 centimeters) of precipitation was expected in the already saturated region on Friday—and said the threat of additional landslides along the Bailong River was “relatively large.”

ISLAMABAD (AP)—The floods ravaging Pakistan are generating fears that Taliban insurgents could regroup amid the chaos and destruction. The country’s already anemic economy is expected to weaken, increasing the poverty that is a factor in the militan-

cy wracking the country.

One of the hardest hit regions is the northwest, the heartland of the Pakistan Taliban and other insurgent groups. Over the last two years, the army has carried out several offensives against militants there. The U.S. has welcomed the efforts—and launched drone strikes of its own—because of the threat the insurgents pose to Western troops across the border in Afghanistan.

Now, thousands of those Pakistani soldiers have been tasked with flood relief and will likely be crucial in rebuilding bridges and roads once the worst floods in Pakistan’s history have receded. Helicopters that once backed up troops in the tribal regions may have to be dispatched for flood relief.

An overnight deluge triggered more mudslides that swept away six houses in Xizangba village, blocked a river near Libazi village, and obstructed a key road used to ferry relief goods, the official Xinhua News Agency said citing local authorities in Gansu province.

Tents set up as emergency shelters were flooded and traumatized victims said the storms were a frightening reminder of the deluge that brought on Sunday’s disaster in which three villages in Gansu province’s Zhouqu district were swallowed in waves of mud and rubble-strewn water. Hundreds of homes were completely buried in the weekend disaster while much of the county seat was submerged after the Bailong River jumped its banks.

Mexican president critical of low conviction rate

MEXICO CITY (AP)—President Felipe Calderon questioned prosecutors and judges Wednesday as to why so few people are caught and punished for violent crimes in Mexico.

Calderon is conducting a series of public conferences on anti-crime strategies, amid increasing criticism of his offensive against drug gangs in which more than 28,000 people have died in drug-related violence since late 2006.

“There are a large number of people who are detained in police actions, caught in the act or in the company of other criminal suspects, and not withstanding that, the number of people who are finally brought to trial or convicted is significantly less,” Calderon said at a meeting of officials from Mexico’s judicial branch.

Calderon did not offer any specific figures on the conviction rate, but fig-

ures obtained by The Associated Press indicate that only about 15 percent of drug suspects detained between December 2006 and September 2009 have been convicted or acquitted.

The chief justice of Mexico’s Supreme Court, Guillermo Ortiz, said Wednesday that while some charges are dismissed for lack of evidence, 85 percent of people formally held over for trial on crimes in general are convicted.

WORLD BRIEFS

Gitmo jury recommends 14 years for al-Qaida cook
GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)—A Guantanamo jury recommended a 14-year sentence Wednesday for an al-Qaida cook, though he could be released much sooner under a plea bargain that will limit the time he spends in prison. Ibrahim Ahmed Mahmoud al-Qosi of Sudan pleaded guilty last month to supporting terrorism, making him only the fourth Guantanamo detainee to be convicted since the prison, which has held nearly 800 men, was opened in 2002. The jury of 10 U.S. military officers was not told about the sentence limit in the plea agreement. If it is less than 14 years, the jury’s sentence will only be applied if al-Qosi does something to break the deal, said Navy Capt. David Iglesias, a spokesman for military prosecutors.

American boy plans NKorea trip to pitch peace idea
BEIJING (AP)—A 13-year-old American plans to visit North Korea this week and perhaps meet leader Kim Jong Il to pitch his idea for a “children’s peace forest” in the demilitarized zone. Jonathan Lee, who was born in South Korea and lives in Mis-

issippi, is scheduled to fly to Pyongyang on Thursday from Beijing with his parents, the family told The Associated Press. They said North Korean officials in Beijing gave them visas Wednesday night. Jonathan said he expects to meet with North Korean officials and will propose the children’s peace forest, “one in which fruit and chestnut trees would be planted and where children can play.”

12 Filipino fishermen reported missing found alive
MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Twelve Filipino fishermen reported missing in rough seas have been found alive after they managed to keep their sinking boat afloat. The fisherman went missing Tuesday after it was thought their boat went down. But coast guard chief Adm. Wilfredo Tamayo said Friday that the crew was actually able to pump water out of the boat and stay afloat long enough to reach nearby shores. A tropical depression and monsoon rains have whipped up big waves in the northern and central Philippines, sinking and overturning several passenger boats and a domestic cargo ship with a crew of 16. The coast guard says two crewmen from the freighter have been rescued, six have drowned and eight are missing.



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**



INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DCCA-154

BID SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 03, 2010
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“PURCHASE OF FORTY-FIVE (45) SETS OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENTS FOR THE DCCA - CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

/S/ MELVIN L.O. FAISAO
SECRETARY OF DC&CA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**



INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DPH-150 (A) (B)

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 08, 2010
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“PURCHASE OF 7-10 DESKTOP COMPUTERS AND ONE (1) LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATION MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ JOSEPH K.P. VILLAGOMEZ
SECRETARY OF HEALTH

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**



INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB10-RDOF-144

SUBMISSION DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL ON ROTA CNMI FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (RDOF)”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIM.

THE LESSOR MUST BE COMPLYING WITH PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A)-(D).

/S/ MELCHOR A. MENDIOLA
MAYOR OF ROTA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ STACY ANN M. ATALIG
RESIDENT DIRECTOR, RDOF



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NOTICE OF AUCTION
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 003 D 02 (Formerly Block 1 Lot 2), as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00 dated February 19, 1971, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry on the 1st day of March, 1971, as Document No. 689, and containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be \$90,000.00.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC’s conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject any and all bids.
- Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
- Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier’s check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer’s rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
- Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2010.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director

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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0119
vs.	AMENDED SUMMONS
CHRISTINE B. FIDELINO and CRISTETA B. FIDELINO, Defendants.	

TO : CRISTETA B. FIDELINO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, within twenty-one (21) days after the date of the last publication, that being August 20, 2010, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D’ Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATE this 8th day of July, 2010.

/s/CLERK OF COURT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0185
GENEVIEVE LUANNE S. FITIAL and FRANCISCA S. FITIAL, Deceased.	FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 25, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following properties: Lot No. 019 J 80, situated in Dandan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 925 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check No. 019J15, dated November 12, 2003, Commonwealth Recorder’s File No. 03-2501, the description therein incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the hour of 1:30p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC., Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 21st day of July, 2010:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0077
-vs- SAIKICHY S. ANGEY and LUISA K. ANGEY, Defendants.	NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 22, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following properties: Lot No. 005 I 272, situated in Koblerville, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 935 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 05, the original of which was registered with the Commonwealth Recorder as File No. 84-1364, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the hour of 1:30p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC., Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of July, 2010:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-0113D
ESTEBAN RASIAN NGOGIS, Deceased,	FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 16, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of the Estate of Esteban Rasiang Nogis in and to the following properties: Tract No. 22703-3, containing an area of 1,484 square meters, more or less.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the hour of 1:30p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC., Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of July, 2010:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Off the Wall

Hail yes, it's big: Colo lab gets record hailstone

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—North America's heaviest hailstone ever might also be its most-traveled.

A 1-pound, 15-ounce hailstone that fell in Vivian, S.D., on July 23 has been taken to the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., about 370 miles away.

Charles Knight, a scientist at the center, plans to cast plaster replicas for researchers, a South Dakota museum and Leslie Scott, the ranch hand who found it.

Knight says he'll then cut it in two and photograph its internal rings.



This photo taken July 24, 2010 provided by the NOAA National Weather Service shows a hailstone that was found by a ranch hand in Vivian, S.D., on June 23, 2010.

The hailstone is being stored in a freezer, but the lab isn't taking any chances. A tweet announcing the hailstone's arrival said, "Hey, keep that away from the margarita mix!"

Federal climate officials have confirmed the hailstone is the heaviest ever recorded on the continent. It measured 8 inches in diameter and weighed 1 pound, 15 ounces.

The previous record for diameter was 7 inches for a hailstone found in Aurora, Neb., in 2003. The previous record for weight was 1.67 pounds for a stone in Coffeyville, Kan., in 1970.

Dog surprises officer by giving birth in squad car

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Ariz. (AP)—A pit bull delivered quite a surprise in the back of a Prescott Valley patrol car. Prescott Valley police said Tuesday that an officer picked up the pit bull on Friday from an area woman who had been watching the dog.

The officer noticed the dog appeared quite pregnant, but the woman told him she was not. She told the officers she was only supposed to watch the dog for a short time and that its owners never picked her up.

The officer put the dog in the

back of his patrol car to be impounded, but when he got to the station, he found more than one dog in the back.

Dutchess had given birth to a male puppy during the ride. The officer took the dog to a kennel and brought the puppy to her. Soon after, she gave birth to a second puppy.

Dutchess was taken to the Yavapai Humane Society and is believed to have given birth to more puppies but it's unclear how many.

Authorities are looking for her owners.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

4 sisters have 4 babies in 4 days

CHICAGO (AP)—Four sisters from one family have each given birth within four days. That's four sisters, four babies, four days. The same obstetrician delivered the babies of three of the sisters - 27-year-old Lilian Sepulveda, 29-year-old Saby Pazos and 24-year-old Leslie Pazos - in the same suburban Chicago hospital on Friday and Saturday. A fourth sister, Heidi Lopez, gave birth on Monday in California. Family members said the women didn't plan the timing. Obstetrician Dr. Jean Alexandre, who delivered the three babies in suburban Chicago, calls the births "very unusual but wonderful at the same time."

Men stopped from parachuting off Ind. cell tower

BARGERSVILLE, Ind. (AP)—Police said two men climbed a central Indiana cell phone tower with plans to parachute from it before they were stopped by a sheriff's deputy. The Johnson County Sheriff's Department said the two men were spotted going over the fence surrounding the tower Sunday night and then starting to scale it. Police were called to the site near Bargersville, and the men climbed down after a deputy shone a spotlight on them. Both men were wearing parachutes and told the deputy that they had planned to jump from the tower. The men, ages 26 and 32, were arrested on preliminary misdemeanor trespassing charges.

Police say man wearing burqa robs Md. bank

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP)—Montgomery County police said a man wearing a burqa robbed a bank in Silver Spring. Police said the man who robbed a TD Bank branch on Briggs Chaney Road about 4:20 p.m. Tuesday was wearing a "long black burqa over his face." He also wore jeans and tan boots. Authorities

said the man showed a gun and demanded money. He took an undetermined amount of money and fled. Police said the man spoke with what they described as "a Middle Eastern accent." They say a silver car, possibly a Chevrolet, was seen leaving the scene. The FBI also is helping with the investigation.

Man leaves Ky. bar, goes for swim in Ohio River

BELLEVUE, Ky. (AP)—A group which had left a northern Kentucky bar with Christopher Luttrell feared the worst when their friend went for a late-night swim in the Ohio River. The friends called police at about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday. Police called out water rescue teams from Boone and Campbell counties, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Bellevue Fire Department. The Kentucky Enquirer reported Luttrell's father came down to the riverbank, worried about his 26-year-old son. Just before 4 a.m. Wednesday, police said Luttrell called his father to say he swam to the Cincinnati side and was safe. Police Maj. Lee Estep said he plans to talk to the prosecutor about possible charges. Estep said people just don't drink and swim because authorities are afraid they will drown.

Pa. man's bid to change name to NBC mutt denied

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A judge has denied a Pittsburgh-area man's petition to legally change his name to Boomer the Dog. Forty-four-year-old Green Tree resident Gary Guy Mathews says he filed for the name change in June because he's a fan of a short-lived 1980s NBC television series called "Here's Boomer," which featured a dog that rescued people. Common Pleas Judge Ronald Folino denied the request late Wednesday. He says it could have resulted in "confusion in the marketplace," including in business records and public documents. He also says the name could confuse an emergency dispatcher during a crisis. Mathews'

phone was busy Wednesday night, and he couldn't be reached for comment on the ruling.

Man sentenced for faking seizures at restaurants

BALTIMORE (AP)—A Baltimore man has been sentenced to a year and a half in jail for faking seizures to get out of paying restaurant bills. City prosecutors said 43-year-old Andrew Palmer pleaded guilty last week to one count of theft scheme, and a judge agreed to impose an 18-month sentence—the maximum Palmer could have received. Prosecutors said Palmer ate and drank at several restaurants between April and July, and when he couldn't pay, he would feign a seizure that required medical personnel to respond. The maximum penalty for each individual offense was 90 days in jail because the value of each meal was less than \$100. Court records show Palmer has a long

criminal record that includes 40 convictions for theft and dozens more arrests.

Cops: Drunken man marks prison release with crash

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP)—Police said a man who had been drinking alcohol to celebrate his release from prison crashed his bicycle into a railroad crossing gate in northwestern Indiana. The engineer on a South Shore commuter line train saw the 49-year-old man ride into the crossing gate and fall from the bike Monday evening. The train stopped to check on the man who was on the ground next to the tracks in Hammond. Police said the man was drunk and that he told officers he had been trying to beat the train but didn't know how he wound up on the ground. The man's brother told police that he had been drinking all day after his release from prison.

REQUEST for PROPOSALS
MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST
RFP 10-02

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This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio (\$3.36 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as follows:

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Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT office as shown below.

Five (5) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 PM, on August 25, 2010. Proposals must be sealed and marked "Local High Yield Loan Program, RFP 10-02". Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

Phillip Mendiola-Long
Chairman

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re Estate of	CIVIL ACTION
GEORGE A. MANGLONA,	NO. 97-1061
Deceased.	SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on March 11, 2009, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of the Estate of George A. Manglona in and to the following property:

1. **Lot 002 T 25.** The Estate owns an area of 921 square meters more or less, in fee simple, subject to a lease expiring on October 27, 2042.
2. **Lot 114 T 16.** The Estate owns this lot in fee simple, subject to a lease expiring on September 18, 2044.
3. **Lot 057 T 18.** This lot contains an area of 10,000 square meters, and is owned by the Estate in fee simple.
4. **Lot 006 T 186.** The Estate owns a leasehold interest in this lot, which expires on June 18, 2046. No further rental is due under the lease.
5. **Lot 008 T 85.** This lot contains an area of 901 square meters. The Estate owns a leasehold interest in the lot, which expires on July 21, 2047. No further rent is due.
6. **Lot 006 T 17.** The Estate owns this lot in fee simple, subject to a lease expiring on October 8, 2049.
7. **Lot 001 T 22.** This lot contains an area of 1,448 square meters, and is owned by the Estate in a fee simple. The lot is subject to mortgages in favor of Pacific Financial Corporation (now known as Financial & Insurance Services Group, Inc.) and the Commonwealth Development Authority. The proceeds of sale will be applied toward reducing the balances due upon these mortgages.
8. **Lot 035 T 18.** The Estate owns an undivided 992 square meters of this lot, in fee simple.
9. **Lot 035 T 19.** This lot contains an area of 4,000 square meters, and is owned by the Estate in fee simple.
10. **Lot 114 T 18.** The Estate owns this lot in lot fee simple, subject to a prepaid lease expiring on September 18, 2044.

All of these properties are situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands. All sales are subject to court approval.

Preliminary title reports are available for inspection at the office of the undersigned, by appointment only.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 20, 2010, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the law offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of July, 2010:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F-0122
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Attorney for Bank of Guam

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,	Civil Action
Plaintiff,	No. 08-0260-CV
vs.	AMENDED SECOND NOTICE OF SALE
KARL T. REYES, et al.,	
Defendants.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 21, 2010, and pursuant to a prior withdrawn bid, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following parcel of property. Please note: the "Brief Description" below is solely for ease of reference, and the Bank of Guam makes no warranty, representation, or guarantee as to condition or improvements included with the parcels of property.

Lot No. H 175 NEW-3, more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2097/96, the original of which was recorded on July 31, 1996 as Document No. 96-1905 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office in Saipan, CNMI.

Brief Description

This property is located in Dan Dan Village and is subject to a pre-paid lease, which will expire on December 18, 2044. Property is partially developed, but with no permanent structures.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on **September 10, 2010**, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

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DATED this 11th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Science & Technology

Several new choices enliven back-to-school PCs

By PETER SVENSSON
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Looking at getting a new PC for the fall semester? Here's a jolt of cheer in these uncertain times: PCs are not only cheaper than ever, there's real innovation going on, yielding interesting new choices. This is a rundown of options in a couple of price categories.

\$300 to \$500

There used to be three main choices in this price range: netbooks, which are small laptops; heavy, frumpy laptops; and no-frills desktop computers.

To that we can now add laptops that are slightly bigger than netbooks, yet still light, and have enough processor power to play movies off YouTube and Hulu without stuttering, something netbooks can't do. The cheapest of these "thin-and-light" laptops use AMD's Neo chips. They're considerably more powerful than the Intel Atom chips that are used in most netbooks, but also drain batteries faster.

I tried the \$450 Neo-powered Gateway LT32, which has a screen that is 11.6 inches diagonally. I found the LT32 a good choice for someone who needs a computer to carry outside the home but doesn't need all-day battery life or an optical drive.

Not much is new on the netbook front this year, except that most of them now come with Windows 7. That's a big improvement over Windows XP, but their Atom processors are still quite limiting and have seen only minor speed improvements over the last two years. Late this year we should see dual-core Atoms in netbooks, which should kick things up a notch.



The high end of the PC price range is Apple's domain. The MacBook starts at \$999.

From the conventional netbook camp, I tried the Toshiba NB255, which has a 10-inch screen. It's available for \$300, and it's well built.

For a variation on the standard netbook formula, try the Samsung NB30. It's "ruggedized" to survive drops, so it's supposed to have a better chance of surviving the lifestyle of a teenager, or a klutz of any age. Available for about \$340.

In desktops, a few systems with Intel and AMD quad-core processors are now available for less than \$500 and will give plenty of power for video editing or gaming. The latest Core i3, i5 and i7 processors haven't trickled down to this price level yet.

In full-size laptops, be aware that the cheapest versions usually lack built-in webcams. However, accessory webcams are cheap and easy to install.

\$500 to \$800

Windows laptops at this price level can be sleek, attractive and fast. If your priority is light weight and long battery life, the conventional wisdom is to go for a model with Intel's CULV (for Consumer Ultra-Low Voltage) processor and without a DVD drive. Acer's Timeline series is a good example.

I also checked out Sony's Vaio Y, which has a 13.3-inch

screen and runs a CULV version of Intel's Core i3. It's slim and available in an array of colors for \$770. Some earlier CULV chips struggled with playback of Flash-based video, but that's not an issue with a Core i3.

The Vaio Y weighs 3.9 pounds. But, surprise, surprise, similarly light laptops can now be had with full-power, non-CULV chips. Hewlett-Packard's dm4t has a bigger screen than the Vaio Y, a Core i5 chip and a DVD drive; it weighs just half a pound more, though it is considerably thicker. It starts at \$700. One upgrade worth mentioning here is that you can get a separate graphics card for \$100, if the PC will be used for gaming.

One note of caution: both the Vaio Y and dm4t have metal-clad covers. They look spiffy and expensive, but aluminum is, in my experience, more prone to scuffs, scratches and dents than plastic.

On the desktop side, you can gain entry to the Mac family for \$699, the price of the Mac mini. That's excluding keyboard, mouse and monitor, but maybe you have those left over from another computer. The mini is about the size of a hardcover book and has about the same processing power as an entry-level MacBook. It's

handsome and whisper-quiet and works well connected to an HDTV. The main reason to get it would be to get access to Mac software, particularly for video editing, where the Windows alternatives fall far behind.

If you're looking for a Windows desktop in this price range, good options should be legion. Look for something with a Core i5 processor, Windows 7 and at least 4 gigabytes of memory.

\$800 to \$1,200

The high end of the PC price range is Apple's domain. The MacBook starts at \$999. Its specs are roughly equivalent to the dm4t, so you're paying a lot for the Mac software.

The cheapest iMac, the desk-

top computer that's built into a monitor, starts at \$1,199, with a 21.5-inch screen. That's not much more than you'd pay for an "all-in-one" Windows PC of comparable specs, but the Windows camp offers the intriguing option of touch-sensitive screens, as on the HP TouchSmart series.

It's tough to say whether you'll find a touch-sensitive screen a gimmick or a truly useful feature. I find it a very natural way to interact with the operating system, but most Windows programs aren't adapted for touch.

Special Mention

But wait, you say. What about the iPad, Apple's new tablet

computer? Well, the iPad is a wonderful device, and it can be had for \$500. In many ways, it's more useful than netbooks in the same price range, and far cooler. The catch is that while it's a great device for media consumption—reading, watching, browsing—it's not so great for media creation.

Typing long entries on the iPad is tough, unless you get a separate keyboard dock or wireless keyboard, but that's a semi-awkward solution. You can't trade files with collaborators via thumb drive, and you can't use wired Ethernet for Internet access. Then again, the iPad is by far the best device for reading electronic textbooks. It makes a fantastic complement to a PC.

EBay rolling out shopping rewards program

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—EBay Inc. is rolling out its eBay Bucks shopping reward program to all U.S. users of its online marketplace.

The program, which had been in a limited "beta" test, gives participants a 2 percent reward on certain items they buy through eBay.com and pay for using eBay's online payment service, PayPal. The rewards are issued as quarterly gift certificates, which can be used within 30

days when using PayPal to pay for items on eBay.

Participants can get up to \$200 in eBay Bucks for each item bought on eBay, and as much as \$500 per quarter. If you bought a \$100 vintage toy, for example, you would earn \$2 in eBay Bucks toward your quarterly total.

The program's adoption marks another move by eBay to improve the shopping experience on its main site in hopes that it will attract and

retain buyers and sellers—something it has been focusing on by implementing a slew of changes.

Marc Steffans, the program's senior manager, said eBay decided to expand the program beyond the test Wednesday because it noticed that participants often used their eBay Bucks very quickly after receiving them to buy other things. That's a sign participants were pleased to get rewarded for shopping, and it helps sellers, too.

E-mail operates like 'message in a bottle'

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I wonder when you will receive this message, dated Aug. 3.

The above sentence sounds strange, but for some unknown reason a number of the e-mails I've sent via Microsoft's Outlook Express over the past several months were suddenly delivered on July 29, and are dated as if I'd sent them on July 28 at about 9 p.m. I wasn't at my computer then, and I have no idea where they've

been hiding.

The oldest message was one I had sent in February 2009; the most recent was from mid-July. Is there a logical explanation?—J.H. Laverne Palmer, Ottawa, Ontario

ANSWER: You'll be happy to know that I received your Aug. 3 e-mail the same day. I suspect your e-mail provider was to blame for the problem, although it's possible there's a flaw in your copy of Outlook Express.

Your e-mail provider probably had a mail server (a computer that relays e-mail to its destina-

tion) that wasn't working and periodically trapped your e-mails. The e-mails probably were time-stamped with a July 28 date when the mail server was fixed.

But it would be a good idea to check out possible problems with Outlook Express (see <http://tinyurl.com/2uwcyyu/>) or reinstall the program to eliminate any flaws. Microsoft has replaced Outlook Express with Windows Live Mail, but you can still download it as part of the

2005-vintage Internet Explorer 6 at <http://tinyurl.com/55815/>.

Q: The "Internet key" on the keyboard of my 2005 HP PC no longer works, and I'm afraid I uninstalled something. What should I do?—Carolyn Bailey, North Miami Beach, Fla.

A: There was a keyboard issue caused by a Microsoft software patch several years ago; you may have gotten it more recently as part of a cumulative Windows update. HP offers a free, down-

loadable software patch for Windows XP (which a 2005 PC would have) that should correct the problem. See <http://tinyurl.com/o5sw29/>.

Q: I want to load some software for my Nikon digital camera onto my computer. But the instructions say to first turn off my anti-virus software, which is Avast Free Antivirus. How do I turn it off?—Nick Regan, Carleton Place, Ontario

A: I haven't used Avast software, but tech advice website eHow.com says you can turn it off this way: Right-click the Avast icon on the task bar at

the bottom of your screen, and click the "access protection control" button. Enter your Avast password and click OK. In the resulting window, click "terminate," then click OK.

Don't forget to turn the anti-virus software on again after you install your camera software.

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Life & Style

NC police thought Fantasia overdose a suicide try

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Police believed they were responding to an attempted suicide after “American Idol” winner Fantasia overdosed on aspirin and other pills at her home in Charlotte, but her manager says she wasn’t trying to kill herself.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police report released Wednesday did not name the victim but Fantasia’s manager confirmed that she overdosed. A man told a 911 dispatcher that she took a bottle of aspirin and was slowly losing consciousness. Police did not identify the caller.

Manager Brian Dickens said Fantasia overdosed on the pills and a sleep aid but that her injuries were not life-threatening and that it wasn’t a suicide attempt. She was released from the hos-

pital Wednesday, Dickens said. Earlier, he said she was “in great condition, very stable, very alert and looking forward to returning to work.”

The overdose came days after a woman accused Fantasia in court documents of having an affair with her husband. Fantasia was “overwhelmed by the lawsuit and the media attention,” Dickens said in a statement Tuesday.

The 911 caller described the victim as awake and breathing. Family members doused her in the shower trying to keep her awake. The dispatcher told the



Fantasia

caller to take the victim out of the shower.

Dickens acknowledged Tuesday that Fantasia had a relationship with a Charlotte man named Antwaun Cook for 11 months. In a court filing last week seeking alimony and child support payments, Paula Cook alleged that her husband and Fantasia had recorded sex tapes.

Fantasia read the complaint Monday, Dickens said.

“Fantasia fell in love with Mr. Cook and believed that he loved her,” Dickens’ statement said. “Fantasia is heartbroken and is sorry for any pain she may have caused.”

Since winning the “American Idol” crown in 2004, Fantasia has seen success and troubles.

While she’s had both platinum and gold albums and starred on Broadway in “The Color Purple,” she almost lost her home in 2008.

A VH1 reality show, “Fantasia For Real,” debuted earlier this year, chronicling her struggles as a single mother trying to support her family, as well as her attempts to jump-start her career, which has sagged in recent years.

“At this moment it’s too soon for us to speak to how these events will change the show and or if anything will be re-worked,” a VH1 spokeswoman said.

Cameras were not rolling when she checked in and “we are not currently filming but will most likely resume filming in the near future,” she said.

Bardem says co-starring with Roberts was ‘easy’

NEW YORK (AP)—If Javier Bardem had to choose whether to eat, pray or love, he doesn’t know which one he’d pick.

“The three of them? Why people want to choose one?” said the 41-year-old actor, who co-stars with Julia Roberts in the new film “Eat Pray Love,” directed by Ryan Murphy. “That’s why it’s called ‘Eat Pray Love.’ The movie talks about the importance of feeding yourself for things that make you be healthier. The three of them are very important.”

Bardem attended the premiere of “Eat Pray Love” at the Ziegfeld Theater on Tuesday night.

“Even if you don’t practice any religion, we all pray,” he said. “When things get wrong we all close our eyes and we hope that there is somebody stronger and wiser and more able than us that can help us.”

Bardem won a supporting-actor Oscar for the 2007 crime thriller “No Country for Old Men.” He married fellow Oscar winner Penelope Cruz last month. The couple, who are from Spain, appeared together



AP
Actor Javier Bardem, left, and actress Julia Roberts attend the world premiere of ‘Eat, Pray, Love’ at the Ziegfeld Theatre on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2010 in New York.

Doctor says Anna Nicole had chronic pain syndrome

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anna Nicole Smith suffered from pain most of her life, a doctor testified Wednesday, saying he treated her with prescription drugs to alleviate her chronic pain syndrome even though he considered her an addict.

“People with substance abuse disorders have the right to pain relief,” said Dr. Victor Kovner, who treated Smith for three years before he sold his practice to Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, a defendant in the drug conspiracy case.

Kovner said Smith had a substance abuse disorder so severe, “she could become addicted to Jell-O.” Treating her was a challenge, he said.

“Did you perceive her to be an addict?” Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose asked the physician.

“Yes. I believe she had addic-

tive behaviors, but it was controlled,” Kovner replied.

Kapoor, Dr. Khristine Eroshovich and Smith’s boyfriend-lawyer Howard K. Stern have pleaded not guilty to charges that include conspiring to provide Smith with excessive drugs, prescribing to an addict, and prescribing to Smith under fraudulent names.

They are not charged with causing her 2007 death from a drug overdose.

Kovner said he thought Stern cared for Smith.



Smith

‘Cathy’ comic strip ending after 34 years

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The comic strip “Cathy,” which has chronicled the life, frustrations and swimsuit season meltdowns of its namesake for more than 30 years, is coming to an end.

Cathy Guisewite, the strip’s creator, said Wednesday that deciding to end the comic strip was “excruciating.” The comic

has won several awards, including a 1992 National Cartoonists Society’s Reuben Award and an Emmy Award for Outstanding Animated Program in 1987, and at its height appeared in 1,400 papers.

“It’s just been really unbelievably agonizing to make the decision,” Guisewite said in a

telephone interview from her home in the Los Angeles area. “The strip has not only been the most astonishing form of therapy for 34 years, but doing a daily comic strip for the newspaper set a certain rhythm for my life.”

The final “Cathy” strip, will run in newspapers on Sunday, Oct. 3.

in the 2008 Woody Allen romantic comedy “Vicky Cristina Barcelona.” Cruz won a supporting-actress Oscar for her role in the movie.

“Eat Pray Love,” inspired by Elizabeth Gilbert’s best-selling

memoir, follows the story of a frustrated divorcee who decides to take a long trip overseas in search of some peace.

Bardem plays a handsome stranger in Bali who offers to help Roberts’ character after

she’s hit by a car while riding a bicycle. He becomes her tour guide, seducing her with his knowledge of the local traditions and delicious food.

Bardem said working with Roberts was “easy.”

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Sunday	1:20	4:10	7:20	
Mon through Thurs		4:10	7:20	

Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham
War • Rated R

Scott Pilgrim Versus The World

Friday and Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:40
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon through Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Michael Cera, Chris Evans
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Sylvester Stallone gears up for a men-on-a-mission film with the Nu Image/Millennium Films war picture, *The Expendables*. Jason Statham and Jet Li co-star alongside the brawny filmmaker as a group of mercenaries who undertake a near-impossible operation to overthrow a dictator in South America. Mickey Rourke, Forest Whitaker, and UFC star Randy Couture co-star in the action-packed production.

The Other Guys

Friday and Saturday	1:10	4:20	7:10	9:35
Sunday	1:10	4:20	7:10	
Mon through Thurs		4:20	7:10	

Mark Wahlberg, Will Farrell
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Salt

Friday and Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:55
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Mon through Thurs		4:25	7:25	

Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Cats and Dogs: Revenge of Kitty Galore

Friday and Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:45
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon through Thurs		4:15	7:15	

Alec Baldwin, Chris O'Donnell
Children's, Family • Rated PG

Charlie St. Cloud

Friday and Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Mon through Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Zac Efron, Kim Basinger
Drama • Rated PG 13

Inception

Friday and Saturday	4:00	7:00	9:50
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Paris Hilton sued for \$35M for wearing wrong hair

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paris Hilton was sued Wednesday for allegedly wearing someone else's hair.

A company that manufactures hair extensions claimed the 29-year-old socialite breached her contract to wear and promote their product when she sported the fake locks of a competitor in 2008.

Hairtech International Inc. is seeking \$35 million in damages—10 times what she was apparently paid under the contract. The fraud and breach-of-contract suit cites the heiress' partying as contrary to Hairtech's marketing campaign.

The filing also claims Hilton missed a launch party for the hair extension line because she was serving a stint in jail in 2007. Hilton served 23 days in 2007 after she was caught driving twice on a suspended license while on probation for reckless driving.



AP
In this June 6, 2010 photo, Paris Hilton arrives at the MTV Movie Awards in Universal City, Calif. Hilton is being sued for allegedly wearing someone else's hair.

The filing states the company's lost \$6.6 million on the launch party alone, although a jury or judge will have to decide whether Hilton owes any money if the case goes to trial.

Phone and e-mail messages to Hilton's publicist Dawn Miller were not immediately returned Wednesday.

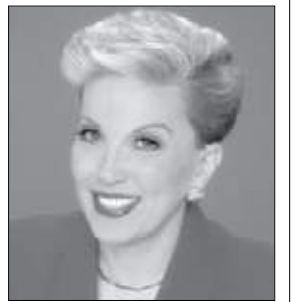
The case isn't the first time Hilton's role as a pitchwoman has gotten her sued.

The producers of the film "Pledge This!" sued Hilton in 2008 in federal court in Miami, claiming she didn't properly promote the film. A judge ruled last year that she didn't owe the roughly \$8.3 million it cost to make the film, which played in fewer than two dozen theaters.

The court is still deciding how much, if any, of Hilton's \$1 million fee for "Pledge This!" she may have to return to filmmakers.

Dog owners ignore warnings of girl's allergy to their pets

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My 6-year-old daughter, "Meg," has severe eczema. She's highly allergic to a long list of things, including dogs. Recently, at a basketball court and at an outdoor restaurant, we encountered some dog owners who refused to pull their dogs back after I informed them about her allergy. Both said, "It's a public place!" as if my daughter should not be in public.

One man even argued that my child "couldn't possibly" be allergic to his poodle.

I take my children out in public often, and I never allow them to touch other people. Why can't dog owners understand the concept? Other than avoiding public areas that are dog friendly, and pulling my daughter away whenever she's touched by a dog, what can I do?

MOM KNOWS BEST, IRVINE, CALIF.

DEAR MOM: The idea that dog owners would fail to pull their animals back after being told someone was highly allergic shocks me. However, because you can't make everyone behave responsibly, you will have to "dog proof" your daughter.

At 6, she's old enough to understand the reason she's broken out and itching is because she came in contact with one of the things to which she is allergic. Teach her to stay out of reach and to announce loudly, "Please hold your dog back! I'm allergic!" when the situation calls for it. And if you are with her and see someone with an animal approach, YOU should take the initiative and say emphatically, "My daughter is highly allergic to dogs. PLEASE keep it away from my child!"

And while I'm at it, no child—or adult—should ever touch a strange dog without the owner's permission because you never know how the animal might react.

■ ■ ■

DEAR ABBY: I work at the front desk of a construction company. My work area is located in the lobby. I'm responsible for greeting visitors, answering the phone, typing letters and other administrative tasks. The only thing separating me from the visitors is a 12-inch-high counter that surrounds my desk.

Quite often, visitors must wait several minutes for the person they're seeing to come to the lobby. When they do, they often plant both arms on the counter, drape themselves over the top and scan every piece of paper on the surface of my desk, including what's showing on my computer screen. They also try to converse with me while I'm trying to work and answer the phone. I find this rude, inappropriate and an invasion of my personal work space.

How can I convey this to visitors without coming across as rude and jeopardizing the company's relationship with them? Desk modifications are not an option.

BITING MY TONGUE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

DEAR BITING YOUR TONGUE: Ask your boss how sensitive the correspondence you are handling is, and explain that it is being viewed by clients who walk in. Some offices handle the problem by keeping documents face down when they are not being worked on. Also, consider tilting your computer monitor and installing a privacy screen to block the view.

Because client relations is part of your job description, do not allow your annoyance at chatty clients to show. Smile and say, "I'd love to talk, but I have a ton of work I have to finish. Would you like a magazine-newspaper-water while you wait?" If that doesn't do the trick, find out from your boss which of your tasks takes precedence.

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Lindsay Lohan judge removes herself from case

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—The judge who sent Lindsay Lohan to jail has removed herself from the case after a prosecutor complained she improperly contacted experts or participants in the case privately, including a rehabilitation facility, officials said Wednesday.



Lohan

Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel recused herself Friday, court spokesman Allan Par-

chini and district attorney's office spokeswoman Jane Robison said.

Beverly Hills Superior Court Judge Elden Fox is now handling the Lohan case.

Revel's clerk said there would be no comment, and she referred callers to Parachini.

Deputy District Attorney Danette Meyers was in court and unavailable for comment.

Robison said there were several instances when the judge had communications and the prosecutor was not present or told afterward.

In one instance, the judge contacted the Morningside Recovery rehab facility, which was not on a list provided by her court-appointed experts. She then selected Morningside as a place to send Lohan.

Lohan attorney Shawn Chapman Holley eventually persuaded the judge to send Lohan to Ronald

Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

An e-mail request to Chapman seeking comment wasn't immediately returned. Court officials declined further comment.

The actress was released Aug. 2 from the women's jail in Lynwood, where she served 14 days of a 90-day sentence for violating her probation in a 2007 drug case.

She immediately went to the UCLA drug rehabilitation facility for a court-ordered three-month stint.

Husband: Zsa Zsa Gabor released from hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor returned home Wednesday to recuperate after being hospitalized at the UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center since July 17 for a broken hip, her husband said.

Prince Frederic von Anhalt, the 93-year-old actress' eccentric partner, told reporters gathered outside their Bel-Air mansion overlooking Los Angeles that Gabor is glad to be back.

"She is at home, and she is happy," said von Anhalt. "She smiled already and started flirting with the guys who took her

home. When she starts flirting, she is in good shape. At home here, with the environment and the air up here, we have lots of oxygen, and everything is clean. There's not lots of nurses and doctors hanging around."

The Hungarian-born, glamour-loving actress' condition deteriorated after she underwent hip-replacement surgery after she broke her hip while trying to get into her

wheelchair.

Gabor, who has to use a wheelchair after a 2002 car accident and a 2005 stroke, was originally expected to spend one week in the hospital but ended up being there four weeks, said von Anhalt.

"She's not a young chick anyone," he said. "She's 93 years old. This time, she was scared. We have been married 24 years. She's been in the hospital a few times, but she was never



Gabor

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Kid singer makes splash on TV talent show

WEXFORD, Pennsylvania (AP) — Watch out, Susan Boyle. Here comes Jackie. A 10-year-old Pennsylvania girl who was chosen by YouTube viewers to compete on NBC's America's Got Talent stunned the judges and audience Tuesday night with her big voice. Jackie Evancho, of Pine Township, sang Giacomo Puccini's aria "O Mio Babbino Caro" and received praise from the judges and overwhelming applause from the audience. The tiny blonde wore a pink ruffled dress and a big smile. After the performance, Jackie said she was so happy she wanted to cry. Jackie was one of 12 acts who performed on the show Tuesday night. Four of those performers will join 20 other semi-finalists who are competing for \$1 million and a contract to perform in Las Vegas.

US man's bid to change name to NBC mutt denied

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A judge has denied a man's petition to legally change his name to Boomer the Dog. Forty-four-year-old Gary Guy Mathews says he filed for the name change in June because he's a fan of a short-lived 1980-1982 NBC television series called "Here's Boomer," which featured a dog that rescued people. Common Pleas Judge Ronald Folino denied the request late Wednesday. He says it could have resulted in "confusion in the marketplace," including in business records and public documents. He also says the name could confuse an emergency dispatcher during a crisis. Mathews' phone was busy Wednesday night, and he couldn't be reached for comment on the ruling.

Activists plan anti-war rally at Blair booksigning

LONDON (AP)—Anti-war activists say they plan to hold a protest when Tony Blair arrives to sign copies of his autobiography, "A Journey," in central London next month. Stop The War Coalition says they will picket the event and warn that activists will try to arrest the former prime minister for alleged war crimes. Security is expected to be tight at Waterstone's in Piccadilly, the six-floor bookstore that is one of the largest in Europe. Customers have been told they cannot take their mobile phones into the venue and no one is allowed to take photographs of Blair. Blair remains a controversial figure in Britain, where many remain angry at his decision to take the country into Iraq and what some said was a too-close relationship with former U.S. President George W. Bush.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



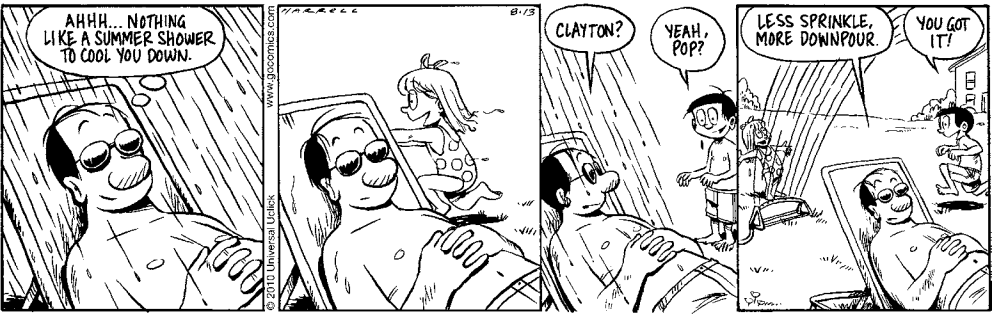
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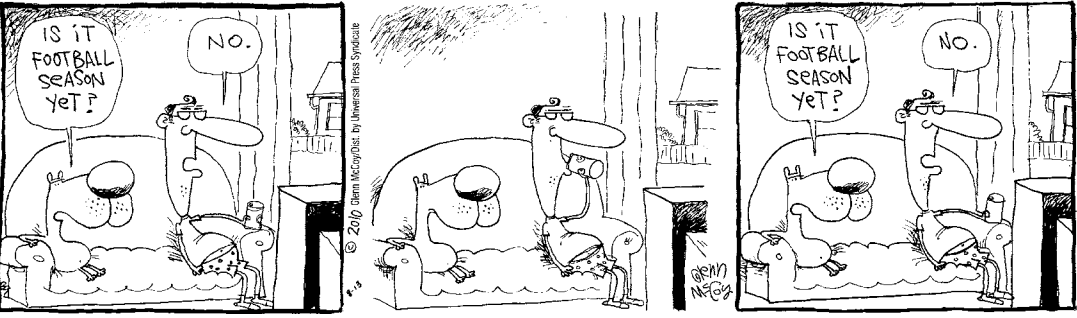
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Yesterday's answer 8-13

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Happy Birthday: There are plenty of things that are undetermined and, although sitting in limbo is likely to make you anxious, don't take measures that may not be best for you. It's all about timing, and jumping the gun will only lead to regrets. Be very discerning. Mentally, physically or financially, it's up to you to choose carefully if you want to come out ahead. Your numbers are 8, 11, 17, 20, 24, 35, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on the ones you love and the things you enjoy doing most. Take care of your needs and desires and plan something romantic for late in the day. When opportunity knocks, be ready to take advantage. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't believe everything you are told. Ask questions and you will avoid making a financial mistake. The future looks bright if you make changes conducive to your advancement. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you are fun to be with and use diplomacy, you will impress the people who mean the most to you and send a strong message to anyone trying to manipulate you. A physical challenge or shopping for something that will contribute to your looks will result in compliments. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be able to rationalize anything but, the fact of the matter is that, no one else will

see things your way. Expect to go it alone or to face opposition in family matters or work that influences your household. Now is not the time to make impulsive moves. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A short trip will do you good. Spending time with friends or relatives or meeting people who inspire you will bring you greater enthusiasm to reach for your goals. Someone from your past will influence you now if you reconnect. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): One look at your personal papers and you will know what needs to be done. Extra money is within reach via an investment, payoff, contract, winning or debt owed. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sign up for something that will allow you to express yourself creatively. Sitting around home will lead to an unsavory situation with someone. A partnership with someone who shares your concerns and interests will lead to greater prosperity. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A little push will enable you to meet new friends and to find ways to network, so be a participant. Mixing business with pleasure will get you closer to your goals and lead you to people who can help. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will always face some opposition but, right now, you will overrule the critical onlooker who wants you to fail. Stand tall and present your ideas with gusto and you will gain ground and make new friends. ****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are likely to ruin your reputation if you are bullheaded. Focus on what you must do to make life better financially, emotionally and physically. Spend less time traveling or engaging in group endeavors. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money and personal gains should be on your mind. Present what you have to offer to the people you have known forever and you will get support and a possible partnership to help you move forward fast. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a greater interest in what others are doing. It's your care of the people around you and those in your past that should grab your attention now. Your insight and ability to listen will help rebuild an old friendship. ***

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, emotional and tend to procrastinate. You are indecisive when pushed and prefer to move at your own pace. You are insightful and cautious.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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Oswalt tosses 7 scoreless innings, Phils win



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Roy Oswalt pitched seven impressive innings in his home debut and two relievers finished off the six-hitter as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 2-0 on Wednesday.

The two-time NL champions are 15-4 since July 22, but lost another player when Ross Gload left with a strained right groin.

Oswalt (7-13) allowed five hits, walked two and struck out five. It was his first win in his third start for the Phillies.

Dodgers starter Clay Billingsley (9-7) gave up two runs and five hits in six innings.

Ryan Madson worked around a leadoff double in the eighth, striking out two batters. Brad Lidge pitched a perfect ninth for his 15th save.

Rockies 6, Mets 2

At New York, Melvin Mora hit a go-ahead grand slam with two outs in the eighth inning as Colorado downed New York.

Angel Pagan hit a two-run homer in the first for the Mets and Jonathon Niese hung on to the early lead, but the bullpen came undone.

With two outs in the eighth, Hisanori Takahashi (7-6) gave up a single to Todd Helton and walked Carlos Gonzalez, prompting manager Jerry Manuel to call on Manny Acosta. Acosta's first offering was a wild pitch that let the runners advance, and Troy Tulowitzki was intentionally walked.

Mora hit his slam—the Mets lead the majors having given up nine this season.

Matt Belisle (5-4) struck out the side in the seventh, part of a string of seven straight Mets who whiffed. Rafael Betancourt and Huston Street followed with a perfect inning each.

Padres 8, Pirates 5

At San Diego, Kevin Correia took a one-hit shutout into the seventh inning and Jerry Hairston Jr. hit a two-run home run as San Diego beat Pittsburgh.

Correia faced the minimum through 6 1-3 innings before the Pirates chased him during a four-run rally in the seventh. Correia (9-7) won for the fourth time in five decisions.

San Diego's Adrian Gonzalez went 4 for 4 with a walk, drove in two runs and scored twice. Miguel Tejada scored three runs for the Padres, who beat the Pirates for the fifth straight time this season.

Correia finished with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Giants 5, Cubs 4

At San Francisco, Pat Burrell hit a go-ahead solo homer in the eighth inning after an earlier two-run single and Aaron Rowand also homered as San Francisco edged Chicago.

Rowand's 10th homer of the year, which came in the sixth, gave him seven straight seasons with double-digit home runs.

Burrell's eighth homer of the year leading off the eighth came off Justin Berg (0-1).

Sergio Romo (5-3) recorded five outs for the win, while Brian Wilson pitched the ninth for his 33rd save.

Marlins 9, Nationals 5

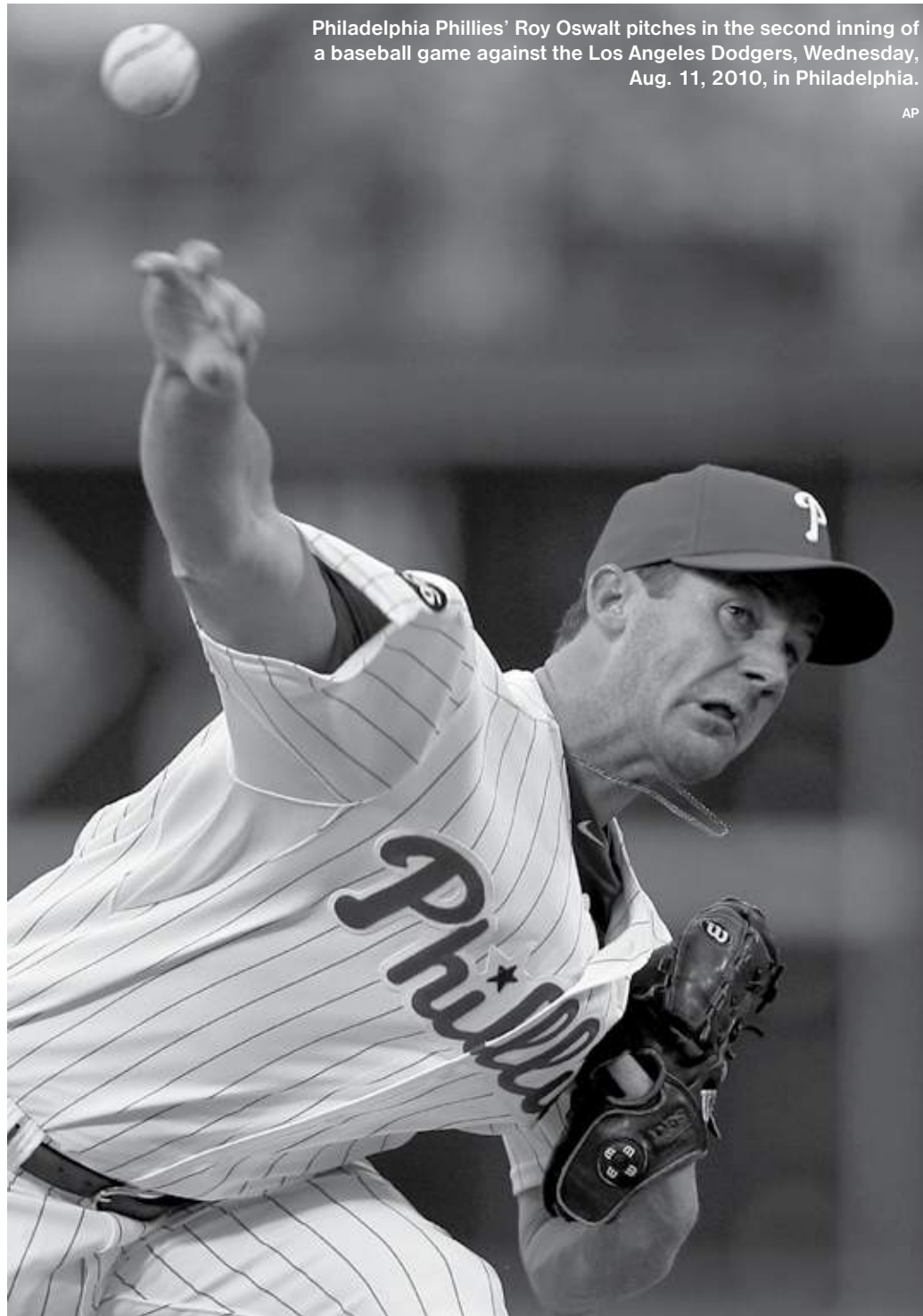
At Washington, Mike Stanton had five hits and four RBIs and Chris Volstad won his third game for Florida against Washington this season.

It was the third straight win for the Marlins (56-56) and the 18th time this season they have reached .500.

Stanton had the first five-hit game of his two-month career, with a two-run double in a four-run first inning, an RBI single in the second, a double in the fourth, a long home run in the seventh and a single in the ninth. His previous best was three hits.

Stanton's first double keyed a four-run first inning where Florida batted around against Scott Olsen (3-4), who allowed seven runs and eight hits in 1 2-3 innings—his shortest start since July 8, 2007.

Ian Desmond had two home runs—his first multi-homer game—for Washington, while Adam Dunn hit his league-leading 31st.



Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Oswalt pitches in the second inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, in Philadelphia.

AP

single off Rangers rookie All-Star closer Neftali Feliz (3-3).

Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his 24th save in 26 chances. Elvis Andrus led off the inning with a triple before the Yankees closer retired the Nos. 2-4 hitters.

Orioles 3, Indians 1

At Cleveland, Brad Bergesen pitched a two-hitter for his first win in nearly three months as Baltimore downed Cleveland.

The Orioles won their fourth straight and moved to 8-1 under new manager Buck Showalter. They became the last team in the majors to reach 40 wins this season.

Bergesen (4-9) held the Indians hitless until Luis Valbuena singled with two outs in the fifth. Asdrubal Cabrera singled with two outs in the ninth for Cleveland's other hit.

Baltimore backed Bergesen with 13 hits and he won for the first time in 13 starts. He had gone 0-7 with a 6.65 ERA. Bergesen walked two and struck out four.

Red Sox 10, Blue Jays 1

At Toronto, Bill Hall hit two home runs, and Adrian Beltre and J.D. Drew also connected for Boston in a comprehensive win over Toronto.

Hall, who drove in four runs, and Mike Lowell each had three hits as the Red Sox improved to 9-2 against Toronto this season.

The Red Sox have hit 153 home runs this season, second in the majors to Toronto's 178.

Clay Buchholz (13-5) won his third straight decision, allowing one unearned run and five hits in eight innings and lowering his ERA to 2.49.

Hall led off the second with a home run, then added a two-run shot, his 15th of the season, in the fourth. It was the fourth multihomer game of his career.

Drew hit a solo homer in Boston's five-run fifth, his 14th. Beltre capped the inning with a three-run drive, his 21st.

Blue Jays right-hander Shaun Marcum (10-6) allowed a season-high eight runs and seven hits in four-plus innings, including a career-high four home runs.

Angels 2, Royals 1

At Anaheim, California, Bobby Abreu homered in the bottom of the 10th inning to give Los Angeles Angels a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

Abreu sent a 1-1 pitch from Jesse Chavez (0-1) into the right-field seats with one out. The Angels rushed from the dugout to greet Abreu but stood back, giving him plenty of room to safely cross the plate.

Kendry Morales sustained a season-ending broken leg on May 29 while jumping on home plate during a raucous celebration of a walkoff grand slam.

Angels starter Jered Weaver struck out 11, giving him a major league-leading 182. He surpassed his career-high of 174 strikeouts last season.

Tigers 3, Rays 2

At Detroit, Ryan Raburn hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth inning as Detroit held on to avoid a series sweep to Tampa Bay.

Justin Verlander (13-7) gave up one run and six hits while striking out seven over six innings. Ryan Perry pitched 1 2-3 innings of scoreless relief and Jose Valverde allowed a run before earning his 22nd save in 23 chances.

Matt Garza (11-7) gave up three runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. He is winless in three starts since his no-hitter July 26 against Detroit.

Athletics 5, Mariners 1

At Seattle, Dallas Braden tossed a four-hitter for his fourth career complete game, and Mark Ellis hit three doubles and drove in three runs as Oakland cruised past Seattle.

Braden (7-8) won for just the third time in nine decisions since throwing a perfect game on May 9 against Tampa Bay. He was out from June 23-July 20 with left elbow tightness, but is 3-1 since coming off the disabled list.

Cardinals 6, Reds 1

At Cincinnati, Colby Rasmus hit his first career grand slam and Adam Wainwright dazzled again to lead St. Louis to the three-game sweep of Cincinnati.

The defending NL Central champs, scraped up from a cleat-kicking brawl the previous night, overtook the Reds with their first three-game sweep in Cincinnati since 2005, moving a game ahead in the standings.

Rasmus' homer off Bronson Arroyo (12-7) broke it open in the fifth. Wainwright (17-6) remained unbeaten in day games, allowing two singles in seven shutout innings before a thunderstorm caused a 46-minute delay and left standing water on the field.

Braves 8, Astros 2

At Houston, Omar Infante drove in the go-ahead run with a 10th-inning double and Brian McCann added insurance with a grand slam later in the inning to give Atlanta a win over Houston.

Infante's hit bounced low on the wall in left field and scored Rick Ankiel to put Atlanta back on top 3-2, giving closer Billy Wagner (6-2) the win after he blew a save in the ninth.

Brandon Lyon (6-5) intentionally walked Melky Cabrera to set up a run-scoring single by Alex Gonzalez that pushed the lead to 4-2 and chased Lyon. McCann's pinch hit slam off Jeff Fulchino landed in the stands in right field and put the game out of reach.

Diamondbacks 8, Brewers 2

At Milwaukee, Arizona equalized a major league record by hitting four consecutive home runs, with Adam LaRoche, Miguel Montero, Mark Reynolds and Stephen Drew all connecting in the fourth inning of a win over Milwaukee.

The Diamondbacks became just the seventh team in history to accomplish the feat.

Arizona nearly made it five home runs in the inning, but Chris Young flied out to deep center field.

Milwaukee starter Dave Bush (5-10) is the first pitcher in the majors to give up four straight home runs since the New York Yankees' Chase Wright did it against Boston on April 22, 2007.

White Sox 6, Twins 1

At Chicago, John Danks pitched eight sharp innings as the Chicago White Sox beat Minnesota to move back into a first-place tie in the American League Central with the Twins.

Carlos Quentin homered in his second straight game while helping the White Sox draw even again after being knocked out of first place for the first time since July 10 with a 12-6 loss to the Twins on Tuesday.

They fared better this time after dropping four of five, with a rare victory over a team that had won 18 of 23 against them.

Danks (12-8) allowed one run and six hits. Quentin hit a two-run shot in the second off Glen Perkins (0-1) that made it 2-0.

The Twins got two hits apiece from Michael Cuddyer and Joe Mauer, who has 27 in his last 50 at-bats after going 2 for 4.

Yankees 7, Rangers 6

At Arlington, Texas, Marcus Thames hit a long homer then had the go-ahead RBI single in the ninth inning as New York rallied from five runs down for a split in the two-game series with fellow-division leader Texas.

Thames' grounder between shortstop and third base came after Derek Jeter had tied the game with a chopper past a drawn-in infield, an RBI

Thomas won't return to Knicks as consultant



NEW YORK (AP)—Isiah Thomas will not be returning to the New York Knicks after all.

Thomas said Wednesday in a statement he was declining a position as a consultant with the franchise he ran for 4 1/2 years because it may not be legal.

"After speaking with commissioner Stern and Knicks executives, it has become apparent that my new agreement violates certain NBA bylaws," Thomas said. "Because of this, I have decided to rescind my contract with the team."

Thus ends—at least for now—the surprising and controversial reunion between the Knicks and the frequent target of fans and

media during his turbulent tenure at Madison Square Garden.

The Knicks announced the agreement with Thomas on Friday and it was quickly criticized. League personnel are not allowed contact with players who are not yet eligible for the draft, which Thomas would have in his role as Florida International University coach.

"We have been informed by the Knicks that Isiah Thomas has rescinded his consulting agreement with the team. As a result, it is not necessary for the league to take any formal action on the proposed arrangement," Stern said. "However, we have reminded the Knicks of NBA rules that prohibit team personnel, including consultants, from having contact with players not

eligible for the draft."

Thomas could have chosen to leave his college job after just one season and keep the Knicks position. Instead, he thanked the organization for giving him another chance.

"Although I'm disappointed that Isiah will not be working with the Knicks as a consultant, I continue to believe in his basketball knowledge, including his ability to judge talent," MSG chairman James Dolan said. "He's a good friend of mine and of the organization and I will continue to solicit his views. He will always have strong ties to me and the team. We wish him continued success at FIU."

Thomas also blamed himself for the Knicks' poor performance while he was team

president from December 2003 through April 2008. He was also the coach the final two seasons and the team never won a postseason game while he was in charge.

"One of the biggest regrets of my life is that the Knicks didn't perform up to the standards the fans had every right to expect while I was in charge. I take full responsibility for that," he said. "I was very much looking forward to this unique opportunity to help the organization do what I do best: find basketball talent. I wish the team nothing but success in the future."

Thomas aided the Knicks during free agency when he went to Ohio to speak with a member of LeBron James' inner circle. Donnie Walsh, who

replaced Thomas as president and later fired him as coach, thanked Thomas during the press conference to announce Amare Stoudemire's signing.

That fueled speculation in New York that Thomas, a favorite of Dolan, could return to the Knicks, perhaps even in a management role. But Dolan said Wednesday he is confident in the team he has in place.

"I also believe Donnie Walsh has done a terrific job since joining the Knicks and my tremendous respect for him has only grown since he's joined the organization," Dolan said. "I'm

confident that the work that Donnie, coach Mike D'Antoni and their staffs have done this summer has the team poised for long-term success."

The decision should calm members of the basketball community who questioned the partnership. Among them was Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who said he would decline an offer to be a paid consultant of an NBA team.

"I don't think you can be in both worlds, in an official basis. I think that makes people in both worlds somewhat angry about it, or concerned," Krzyzewski said. "You're getting a leg up, and in college we definitely shouldn't do that."

Pacers get Collison from Hornets in 4-team trade

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Larry Bird always said he wouldn't rush the rebuilding of the Indiana Pacers.

He stuck to his word, and it paid off. He waited until all the free agency hype died down before delivering one of the biggest moves for his franchise in years—the acquisition of point guard Darren Collison from New Orleans—in a four-way trade that also includes New Jersey and Houston.

"We said at the beginning of the summer that we were going to be patient and don't make drastic moves just to make a move," Bird said. "We have a plan here. It's a three-year plan, and I expect to get the job done in three years."

The term rebuilding might no longer apply now that the Pacers have added the 22-year-old Collison to a core that includes forward Danny Granger and center Roy Hibbert.

"I think it helps out tremendously," Bird said. "I think this was the piece that we needed. The vision I have for this franchise is to get the core group up and ready to go as quick as we can, and this piece here will accelerate everything."

The Pacers also announced Wednesday they have dealt Troy Murphy to the Nets, who sent guard Courtney Lee to Houston. To complete the trade, the Rockets shipped swingman Trevor Ariza to New Orleans.

Indiana also got James Posey from New Orleans in the deal.

The Pacers were searching for a point guard because T.J. Ford fell out of favor last season with coach Jim O'Brien. The Pacers get a good young one in Collison, who played well when Chris Paul was injured. He averaged 12.4 points and 5.7 assists as a rookie last season, including 18.8 points and 9.1 assists in 37 starts.

"I didn't think he'd have the year he had last year," Bird said. "He's solid. He likes

to defend. He always could shoot the ball. We think he's a complete player."

The Nets get a good rebounder in the 6-foot-11 Murphy, a New Jersey product who is an excellent outside shooter for his size. The former first-round pick from Notre Dame is a career 39 percent shooter from 3-point range. He played in 262 games for the Pacers, with averages of 13.3 points and 9.2 rebounds per game.

"We are very pleased to add Troy to our roster," Nets general manager Billy King said. "He is a quality power forward who has the ability to stretch the floor, and we feel that he will be a very positive addition to our frontcourt rotation."

Posey has spent 11 seasons in the NBA with career averages of 8.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Last season, he averaged 5.2 points and 4.3 rebounds. The cash-strapped Hornets were able to move the remaining two years and more than \$13 million remaining on Posey's contract.

The Rockets cut salary with the move after re-signing point guard Kyle Lowry and power forward Luis Scola, both restricted free agents, and picking up backup center Brad Miller.

Ariza was due to make about \$6.3 million this season, the first of four years left on his contract. Houston signed Ariza in July 2009, when free agent Ron Artest decided to join the Los Angeles Lakers.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey said their involvement in the trade was mostly about the opportunity to get Lee, a 6-5 guard whom they've coveted since the 2008 draft.

"We really target players who we think will fit in well here over time," Morey said. "When we got our first chance to acquire him, we were fairly aggressive to get that done. He's very versatile."

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Jets' Ryan offers plan to settle Revis holdout



CORTLAND, N.Y. (AP)—Rex Ryan's next starring role: The Negotiator.

The brash New York Jets coach has come up with a game plan to get holdout cornerback Darrelle Revis back on the field. And, everyone in the organization is invited.

"We'll call off practice," Ryan said Wednesday. "We'll have our whole team there and meet. That way there's no, 'he said, she said' or whatever. Just get the thing done, and let's work it out that way."

Don't laugh. Despite HBO and NFL Films taping the Jets throughout training camp for their "Hard Knocks" series, Ryan wasn't just playing it up for the cameras.

"Absolutely serious," he said—with no smile.

"He wants him here," quarterback Mark Sanchez told The Associated Press. "I mean, he's serious. It's difficult as players because we don't know exactly down to the number what is really going on. So, it's hard to say, 'Well, he should be here,' or, 'He shouldn't be here.' All I can say is I hope it gets resolved soon without any more holdups."

When asked if he'd actually make an appeal to Revis' agents to have an organization-wide meeting, Ryan said: "I'm making it right now. I know it'll get to them."

Ryan also shot down agent Neil Schwartz's accusation that someone in the Jets' organization lied about whether owner Woody Johnson was invited to a meeting between the sides last Friday. Johnson said he was "rebuffed" by Revis' camp.

"All right, that's a blatant joke to me," Ryan said.

The All-Pro cornerback has missed 11 days, including Wednesday, since the team reported for training camp at SUNY Cortland. He's scheduled to make \$1 million in the fourth year of his six-year rookie deal, but wants to become the league's highest-paid cornerback.

General manager Mike Tannenbaum declined comment Wednesday night through a team spokesman on the Revis negotiations and Ryan's plan.

Revis is seeking a deal bigger than the three-year, \$45.3 million extension Oakland's Nnamdi Asomugha signed last offseason. He has not commented publicly since minicamp in June.

"It's hard to get a deal done if Darrelle's not there because ultimately, it's his future," Ryan said. "Get him there, whoever's there. His teammates would love it because they'd get a practice off. So, that's what I'm calling for right now."

Revis is being fined \$16,523 for each day he misses, meaning he is already out \$181,753. By sitting out, he also waived a clause in his contract which would have guaranteed him \$20 million over the last two years of his deal. Also, by not reporting by Aug. 10, Revis will not get credit for this year as an accrued season toward free agency.

The holdout situation took a snippy turn Tuesday as both sides went back and forth through the media.

Johnson told 1050 ESPN New York that he was "rebuffed" by Revis' agents

when he asked to be part of a meeting last Friday at a diner in Roscoe, N.Y., attended by Tannenbaum, director of football administration Ari Nissim, Schwartz and business partner Jonathan Feinsod.



Revis

"That's a blatant lie," Schwartz said. "Whoever gave him that information is incorrect. I wanted Mr. Johnson's thoughts on the proposal, so why would I not want him there?" Schwartz added that he would meet with Johnson "any time, any place."

The Jets turned down that contract proposal, and Johnson said Monday he was not optimistic a deal could get done before the season. He also told 1050 ESPN New York that the gap between the sides is "insurmountable."

"If we're really trying to be dealmakers and you've got everybody's interest at the best heart," Ryan said, "then let's do it this way. I bet it gets done if we do it that way."

It's believed one major sticking point is the lack of guaranteed money and bonuses included in the Jets' offers. Tannenbaum disagrees with that assessment.

"As I said at the start of training camp, our offer to Darrelle Revis conveyed that we are flexible on how the guaranteed money is structured, including the areas of signing bonus, roster bonus and option bonus," Tannenbaum said in a statement Tuesday night. "This situation revolves around a fundamental disagreement in total compensation."

Ryan said he was part of a 5-hour sit-down earlier in the offseason with Revis' agents, when the sides tried to

settle the dispute.

"That was a rough 5 hours I spent," he said. "I was sitting back, saying, 'You couldn't pay me enough to be a general manager of a team.' There's no way. I mean, it was frustrating for me and I was just there for the one 5-hour period. I almost quit."

Meanwhile, the team insists it will press on with its Super Bowl hopes whether Revis reports or not.

"Everybody knows what I think of Darrelle and all that kind of stuff," Ryan said. "It would be much easier to win it with him. But, it's certainly not impossible to win it without him."w

Alabama grand jury gets drug case against Russell

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—A judge sent the drug possession case against former Oakland Raiders quarterback JaMarcus Russell to a grand jury Wednesday despite testimony that the codeine drink found at Russell's home belonged to a longtime friend.

District Judge Charles McKnight questioned the credibility of the testimony given by Marcus Stevenson, who said he made the codeine-laced drink found in a July 5 raid at Russell's home.

Mobile County Sheriff's Deputy Johnny Thornton testified the orange-colored drink in Russell's bedroom appeared freshly poured. Investigators said Russell, who was in the bedroom, told them it was his Kool-Aid. Thornton said it later tested positive for codeine.

Thornton also said there nine people in the house and a codeine bottle without a prescription was found in a cabinet.

Russell's attorney, Donald Briskman, said in an interview with The Associated Press after the hearing that the codeine bottle was in a

cabinet at a distance from Russell's bedroom. He said Stevenson told an officer at the home that it belonged to him, not Russell, but they took no action against Stevenson.

"They didn't arrest him at the scene. They targeted JaMarcus. ... He should have been discharged today," Briskman said.

Stevenson testified at the hearing that he mixed the drink and didn't make it for Russell. After the hearing, Stevenson was handcuffed and charged with possession of a controlled substance. He was released on bond.

Stevenson's attorney, Greg Evans, raised objections to the questioning of his client, citing his rights against self-incrimination. He later said Stevenson "was sworn to tell the truth and that is what he did."

Russell was a Mobile prep star and at LSU and became the No. 1 draft choice in 2007 but was released by Oakland this year after three disappointing seasons.

It could be months before the grand jury decides if the evidence warrants an indictment or not.

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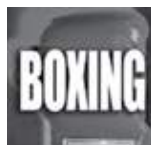
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Marquez's short route to Pacquiao trilogy



MANILA, Philippines—There's a short route Juan Manuel Mar-

quez can take if he really wants to fight Manny Pacquiao again.

All the Mexican World Boxing Organization and World Boxing Association lightweight champion needs to do is beat any one of four fighters named by Top Rank honcho and Pacquiao promoter Bob Arum.

In an interview by FanHouse's Lem Satterfield Tuesday, Arum mentioned World Boxing Council welterweight champion Andre Berto, Joshua Clottey, WBO junior welterweight titlist Tim Bradley and WBC and International Boxing Federation king Devon Alexander as the fighters Marquez needs to conquer to gain a third shot at the Filipino seven-division champion.

A victory over any of these four would make a Pacquiao-Marquez III a legitimate sell, according to Arum, adding that Marquez's recent unanimous decision victory over countryman Juan Diaz was not definitive considering that it was held at 135 pounds.

Arum said Marquez has yet



Pacquiao



Marquez

to prove himself as a legitimate welterweight contender, especially with the way he was thoroughly dominated by Floyd Mayweather Jr. in their encounter early this year.

To dispel the notion that he isn't competitive in the higher weights, Arum said Marquez must fight and beat quality big guys like Clottey, whom Pacquiao outclassed in their 147-lb encounter at The Cowboys Stadium in Texas.

After repeating over Diaz, the 36-year-old Marquez reiterated his call for another tussle with Pacquiao, the Fighter of the Decade and pound-for-pound king who is slated to do battle with Mexican Antonio Margarito on

Nov. 13.

In their first meeting in 2004, Marquez survived three first round knockdowns to earn a controversial draw. In their second battle in 2008, Marquez suffered another knockdown in the third round and lost to Pacquiao by split decision. **(PDI)**

SAVVY

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field. This season marks his second all-star appearance in the Senior Division. In 2007 and 2008, he also represented CNMI in the Junior Division and also played on the 2006 Majors Division all-stars.

Like Nakamura, Dela Cruz played on the exact same all-star teams, but the latter started a couple of years before the former. Known by his friends as "Pork Chop," Dela Cruz is a star player for the 2010 Little League champion Lions and is a well-known power hitter who also serves as a big throwing target at first base.

Hunters southpaw pitcher Joe Palacios is making his fourth all-star appearance in only six years. Palacios sat down 83 batters this season and was crowned the 2010 Senior League Strikeout King.

It was also Palacios' base hit that started the big four-run rally in the last inning of the 2010 Asia-Pacific Regional Championship where the CNMI trailed Guam with two outs to go in the game.

Donaire: Let me fight in Manny undercard

MANILA, Philippines—Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire Jr. is setting his sights on fighting in one of the undercard bouts of an event that will be headlined by Manny Pacquiao late this year.

Donaire, the interim WBA superflyweight titleholder, spoke of his desire to get a piece of the limelight in Pacquiao's fights at Tuesday's PSA Forum at the Shakey's UN Avenue in Manila.

"It would be an honor and I think it's long overdue," said Donaire of the possibility of fighting in the supporting bout that will be headlined by Pacquiao.

Pacquiao, winner of titles in seven divisions, is reportedly penciled to fight Mexico's An-

tonio Margarito in Nov. 13 with Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, Dallas and Monterrey, Mexico among the probable venues.

Michael Koncz, Pacquiao's adviser, is currently in the UAE, reportedly upon the invitation of the Royal Family which is keen on staging the fight of the Filipino pound-for-pound king.

Though Bob Arum of Top Rank favors to hold the fight in Texas, the UAE is making a last ditch-effort to change the astute promoter's mind.

"It's not everyday that I'll fight in an undercard that features Manny. I'm personally requesting Top Rank to include me in the fight card," added

Donaire, who scored an eighth round TKO victory over Hernan Marquez in his last fight late last month.

Having dominated the 112- and 115-pound divisions, Donaire believes he can carry his "speed and power" in the 118-lb division.

Among the fighters Donaire is eyeing to fight are WBC bantamweight champ Fernando Montiel of Mexico, WBO bantamweight king Eric Morel of Puerto Rico or WBO super bantamweight title holder Wilfredo Vazquez Jr.

Donaire said his loyalty remains with Pacquiao despite the fact that his current trainer, Robert Garcia, will also work Margarito's corner. **(PDI)**

JI HOON

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advanced to the quarterfinals after beating Christopher Hargrove of Fiji and Luke Paeni of Solomon Islands, 6-1, 6-3.

He and Hamilton, however, were denied a Final Four ticket following a 1-6, 4-6 setback against No. 1 seed Jaden Grinter of New Zealand and Ben Wagland of Australia.

Before taking part in the OCJC, Heo competed in satellite ITF tournaments in New Caledonia, Fiji, and in Australia.

"It was a long six weeks but I think I did okay but I wish I didn't sprain my ankle in Australia that cost me two first round losses in the ITFs there. Here I'm just training so I could

be in good shape when I go to college to play for Hawaii Pacific University," he said.

Heo also lamented his absence in the CNMI tennis team that competed in the 7th Micronesian Games, but at the same time said he had no regrets.

"I missed going to the Micro Games in Palau. The last Micro Games on Saipan was a good experience and I really wanted to win the singles this time but I had priorities and I had to make the right choice. I think I made the right choice as my rankings improved tremendously because of the tournaments. I've been following the Micro Games in the *Saipan Tribune*, and I'd like to congratulate the tennis team and every athlete that represented Saipan in the 2010 Micro Games," he said.

PRACTICE

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water swim.

Kai Staal also gave a good account of himself by scooping six gold medals, while brothers Shin and Kensuke Kimura, the coach's sons, took home a first place medal apiece. Wong, Staal, and the Kimuras also teamed up to win three relay races.

Michael Moran and Andrew Kimbal also made splashes in the pool, contributing to the team's treasure trove of medals with three bronzes between them.

Coach Kimura summed up his team's winning formula in one word—practice.

"There is no secret in winning. Hard practice that's all.

Our swimmers practiced seven times a week, every week, every month, and throughout the year. No practice, equals no winning. A little practice, no medal. I think sports is so simple," he said.

Coach Kimura also acknowledged that the absence of Guam swimmers made the path toward the gold medals easier for the CNMI men's swimming team.

"After I learned that Guam will not be sending a team, I changed our goal to win all the gold medals in the pool in Palau. Guam's absence meant our boys would not be defeated in any race. I was not worried about it because our boys had already competed in many and higher level swim meets before. "They did win all the swim-

ming gold medals in Palau, but it was not easy because the pool competition was only three days. There were no time to take a rest. In a situation like that, our boys did their best and did very well. To me, our boys getting good times is better than winning medals. So I'm very happy we were able to do that and win medals at the same time," he said.

Camaraderie in the pool

Aside from the shiny hardware they brought home from Palau, coach Kimura said one thing he was also proud of during the Micro Games is how the swimmers supported each other.

"Actually, gold medalists Rezne, Shin, Kai, and Kensuke all did well. But even

though Junior Pamaran failed to win a medal, he was there for his teammates every step of the way," he said. "Junior massaged his teammates after each race. This was a big help for me because I was so busy at the pool. I really appreciated what he did during the Games. Junior did not medal at the competition, but he was an important part of our team's success."

Coach Kimura also thanked Pamaran and Moran for helping him carry his luggage during the Games. He also acknowledged the latter for making things loose before races with his infectious sense of humor.

The victorious CNMI swim team returned home to a hero's welcome last Saturday at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

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Boston	66	49	.574	5
Toronto	59	54	.522	11
Baltimore	40	74	.351	30 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	64	50	.561	—
Minnesota	64	50	.561	—
Detroit	55	59	.482	9
Cleveland	47	67	.412	17
Kansas City	47	67	.412	17

West Division

Texas	65	48	.575	—
Los Angeles	59	57	.509	7 1/2
Oakland	57	56	.504	8
Seattle	44	71	.383	22

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	66	48	.579	—
Philadelphia	63	50	.558	2 1/2
Florida	56	56	.500	9
New York	56	57	.496	9 1/2
Washington	49	65	.430	17

Central Division

St. Louis	64	49	.566	—
Cincinnati	64	51	.557	1
Milwaukee	53	62	.461	12
Houston	48	65	.425	16
Chicago	48	66	.421	16 1/2
Pittsburgh	39	74	.345	25

West Division

San Diego	66	46	.589	—
San Francisco	65	50	.565	2 1/2
Colorado	59	54	.522	7 1/2
Los Angeles	59	55	.518	8
Arizona	46	69	.400	21 1/2

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San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2
L.A. Angels 2, Kansas City 1, 10 innings
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Winter/spring 2010 champions feted Sunday

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Saipan Billiards Association Open 8-Ball League champions

Jonny's IT&E Voyagers and USSP Fotten Palau were feted during an awards ceremony last Sunday at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

IT&E Voyagers received their championship trophy after topping the Agingan Division with an impressive 101-25 win-loss record or a winning percentage of 80.2 percent.

Team captain and MVP Rolly Villanueva who is supported by fellow pool sharks Jojo Talibong, R.J. Mascarnas, Luis Fajardo, Roman Rodriguez, Ric Villanueva, Rey Pinangay, and Marc Brian Nelvis lead the team.

Finishing second in the category was Utopia NTT Docomo Hustlers (92-34) and third was 10/10 Bud Brothers (91-35).

USSP Fotten Palau, mean-



Members of Jonny's IT&E Voyagers, left, and USSP Fotten Palau pose with their championship trophies after winning the Agingan and Obyan divisions, respectively, during last Sunday's Saipan Billiards Association Open 8-Ball League awards ceremony at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

while, was the best in the Obyan Division followed by runner-up VFW Shark Attack and USSP Watever.

Making up the champion squad are team captain and MVP Ron Chisato, Rick Rengil, John Mongami, Taylor Wata-

nabe, and Arnel Orbita.

SBA also feted winners of the mini tournament—Budweiser Cup—in both categories last Sunday.

NTT Docomo Hustlers won the Budweiser Cup championship in the Agingan



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Division after nipping Team Huwa, 4-3, at The Pirates Bar earlier this month.

The team is made up of Senen Pangilinan, Erwin, Jerry Soriano, Boyet Sequioco, Joey Lucido, and Robert Sanciango.

In the Obyan Division,

Team Pirates raised their own Budweiser Cup championship after a 4-2 upset victory over USSP Fotten Palau at the USS Peleliu Club.

Rodney Aldan, Edward Suzuki, Bert Rufugui, Dave Maratita, Patrick Cepeda, James

Reyes, and Jack Cepeda make up the players of Team Pirates.

In the sportsmanship award, VFW Sentinel was overwhelming choice after exhibiting the spirit of true sportsmanship and fair play the entire season. Members of the team are Nizer Masayos, Winfred Camacho, Leo Sablan, Steve P. Limes, John Peter, and Bill Kaipat.

In other special awards, Saipan Billiards Association gave recognition to the following players: John Mongami and Jerry Soriano (Run the Rack winners); Dave Maratita (8-ball on break winner); and Bill Limes, Arnel Orbita, Chester Hamoy, and Rolly Villanueva (MVPs).

In addition, organizers also gave USS Peleliu Club a plaque of appreciation for their support of the league all these years.

For more information about Saipan Billiards Association's Open 8-Ball League, call league acting secretary Warlee Ellama at 233-4397.

SSC to conduct swim lessons again

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Fresh from the CNMI swimming team's

successful showing in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau and a couple of weeks before the opening of new school year, the Saipan Swim Club will be conducting swimming lessons starting next week.

SSC assistant coach Lisa Kimbal said the bulk of the swim lessons will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting at 5:30pm at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Like the previous swim lessons, which concluded last month, next week's sessions



Children who took part in Saipan Swim Club's swimming lessons that ended late last month pose with their coaches at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

will teach participants how to swim both for enjoyment, safety, and for competition.

CNMI Hall of Famer and SSC head coach Mike Villagomez will be leading the swim lessons through the help of assistant coaches Kimbal and former CNMI National team swimmer Tamiko Winkfield.

The recent SSC swim lessons, which started June 21 and concluded July 29, attracted about 50 participants who learned beginner and intermediate level swimming.

Lisa Kimbal said she was elated with the level of interest exhibited by participants of

the swim lessons and was even more encouraged that most of them showed a lot of potential.

SSC senior swimmers and Palau Micro Games medalists Grace and Andrew Kimbal, Michael Moran, and Victoria Chentsova lent their expertise in the swim lessons last month. Junior Pamaran, another 2010 Micro Games veteran, Blair Nichols, and longtime swimming pool caretaker Gary De Guzman also assisted in the conduct of the lessons.

For more information about the upcoming SSC swim lessons, email Lisa Kimbal at coach@saipanswimclub.com.

Foundation & Family Day Walk this Aug. 21



The Marianas Walking Association will host the 9th Annual

Foundation & Family Day Walk on Aug. 21 starting from the Micro Beach Pavilion at the American Memorial Park.

Registration for the walk is free and will begin promptly at 6am.

MWA is part of International Volkssport Federation, an organization for walkers worldwide. It has member walking clubs in the U.S., Canada, Brazil, Japan, South Korea, Turkey, Nepal, Australia, New Zealand, the CNMI, and 29 other European

countries, including Germany.

For more information about the 9th Annual Foundation & Family Day Walk and MWA's future events, contact MWA officials Mario Espeleta at 322-8786, Hiroko Tajima at 322-8781, or Bea Quitagua at 285-1694.

MWA, then known as SAIWAI, was incorporated as a non-profit corporation on July 27, 2001 and was established to promote public health through non-competitive walking. It changed its name so it could encompass the neighboring islands of Tinian and Rota. (Saipan Tribune)

Right There! on top of Division A



Buddies Right There! found itself on top of Division A of the Summer/Fall 2010 season of the Bud Light Dart League.

This, after the team made up of Jun Visaya, Joel Linaogo, Romuel Chavez, Jay C. Sablan, Lino Ibis, and Jonar F. Sembrano demolished Charlie's Vargas Snipers in their matchup earlier in the week.

Its 12-5 victory allowed Buddies Right There! to improve to a 25-9 win-loss mark in the young season. The loss, meanwhile, dropped Charlie's Vargas Snipers to a woeful 11-23 record, good for second to last in Division A.

Charlie's Primos is second in the division with a 22-12 mark, followed by Naked Fish Boyz



Buddies Right There! players pose following their 12-5 win against Charlie's Vargas Snipers early this week in Division A of the Summer/Fall 2010 season of the Bud Light Dart League.

and Buddies Locals with identical 20-14 cards. Buddies Flying Dartsmen (15-19), D'Pirates CK-Destroyers (13-21), and

Buddies Bud Brothers (10-24) make up the rest of the teams in Division A.

Over in Ladies League,

D'Pirates Strikers is in complete control of the division with a 25-5 record. The team is comprised of Rufina Guevarra, Emily Vargas, Rose Reguine, and Jenny Cabrera.

Jonny's Yakau is in second place in the Ladies League with a 21-9 mark with Gaia Lady Gagas and D'Pirates Mama's Snipers not far behind with records of 17-13 and 16-14, respectively.

Buddies Pink Panthers (13-17), Sande's Megatouch (10-22), Buddies Tipiyeew (9-21), and USSP Kmal Sechelini (9-21) complete the teams in the Ladies League.

The Bud Light Dart League is organized by the Saipan Electronic Darts Association and is sponsored by MARPAC and Bud Light. For more information, call league secretary Warlee Ellama at 233-4397. (Saipan Tribune)

D-Pirate's starts weekly 8-ball tourney tonight



D-Pirate's Sports Bar will begin hosting a weekly 8-ball billiards

tournament tonight at the watering hole along Beach Road.

Game time is 7:30pm for the event, simply dubbed as 8-Ball Pool Tournament.

The entrance fee is only \$10 for each incoming player and registration is still open. Games are

set to take place every Friday with cash prizes, a trophy, and more awarded to weekly winners.

According to the management of D-Pirate's Sports Bar, all games will be played according to the Billiard Congress of America regulations. There will be individual elimination. For more information, contact Susan at 235-3663. (Walter Sutherland)

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Ji Hoon rises to 442 in rankings

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The CNM's top netter Ji Hoon Heo improved to No. 442 in the current International Tennis Federation rankings after a sterling stint in the 2010 Air Pacific Oceania Closed Junior Championship in Lautoka, Fiji.

The 18-year-old Marianas High School graduate was previously ranked 685, but quarter-final appearances in the singles and doubles divisions of the OCJC improved his stock.

"I did very well in the OCJC as I reached the quarterfinals of both the singles and doubles. Because of that I gained 46.25 points, and I currently have 101.25 points now," Heo said in an email from New Caledonia where he is training under Oceania Pole, a pilot summer program for the region's top netters.

In the OCJC, Heo debuted with a 6-0, 6-2 win against Guam's Martin Lai. He then reached the quarterfinals after beating tourney No. 8 seed James Frawley of Australia, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

He, however, lost in the Round of Eight when he was defeated by New Zealand's



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Ji Hoon Heo, seen here in a file photo, improved his ITF Junior ranking following a sterling performance in the 2010 Air Pacific Oceania Closed Junior Championship in Lautoka, Fiji.

Chris Simich, 6-4, 7-5.

"I did well but I sprained my ankles in Australia three weeks ago and I wasn't in good shape. I had a good win before my quarterfinal match. But in my match against Simich it became

difficult to move as my ankles were tired from overuse the other day. I believe I could've beaten Chris Simich but he played good and he overplayed me. He was also in better condition than me. If you're in the quar-

terfinals, the tournament can go either way. I'm satisfied with my result but at the same time I know I could've done better," he said.

Heo also found some success in doubles, as he and partner Alex Hamilton of New Zealand

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Practice equaled success for swimmers

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With apologies to NBA great Allen Iverson, practice proved to be the keys for success in the CNMI national men's swimming team's dominating performance in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.



Amazingly, the wards of men's head coach Hiro Kimura swept all the gold medals at stake at the Palau National Swimming Pool.

Leading the charge was Male Top Athlete of the Games Rezne Wong, who won 13 gold medals, including one in the open

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Members of the CNMI national men's swimming team enjoy a light moment during the pool competition in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau. From left, Michael Moran, Junior Pamaran, Rezne Wong, brothers Shin and Kensuke Kimura, and Kai Staal.

Savvy veterans headline Asia-Pacific champions

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First of a two-part series



The Little League Senior Division Asia-Pacific Champion CNMI All-Stars left on the first flight to Tokyo this morning to compete in the Senior Division Little League World Series from Aug. 15 to 21 in Bangor, Maine.

This year's undefeated Senior League All-Star team features nine veteran players—five are 16 years old, two are 15 and two just recently turned 17.

In their fifth all-star appearance, Harry Nakamura and Richard Dela Cruz are the most decorated all-stars on the squad.

Nakamura has been playing for only six years. Also known as "Nasty-Mura," Nakamura is

one of a handful of players from Saipan Little League's 2010 pennant champion Ol' Aces that made the squad.

This year Nakamura won the Most RBIs trophy for knocking in a league-leading 22 runners and he is also a big force on the mound.

Nakamura is featured as a starting pitcher for this year's team and he also plays in-

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► **MacGarette Duenas**
Parents: Tom and Thelm Duenas
Age: 16
Favorite player: Ian Kinsler



► **Diego Camacho**
Parents: Diego and Carmen Camacho
Age: 16
Favorite player: Chase Utley
Favorite team: Philadelphia Phillies



► **Nathan M. M. Guerrero**
Parents: Robert and Terry Guerrero
Age: 17
Favorite player: Chipper Jones
Favorite team: Atlanta Braves



► **Harry Taitano Nakamura Jr.**
Parents: Harry and Jessica Nakamura
Age: 16
Favorite player: Derek Jeter
Favorite team: New York Yankees



► **Ricardo Dela Cruz**
Parents: Ricardo and Teresita Dela Cruz
Age: 15
Favorite player: Robinson Cano
Favorite team: New York Yankees



► **Jesse Yamagishi**
Parents: Lynn Duenas and Bob Yamagishi
Age: 17
Favorite player: Joe Mauer
Favorite team: Los Angeles Dodgers



► **Richard Dela Cruz**
Parents: Ricardo and Tess Dela Cruz
Age: 16
Favorite player: Emily Taitano
Favorite team: St. Louis Cardinals



► **Joseph Jr. B. Palacios**
Parents: Joseph S. and Dolores B. Palacios
Age: 16
Favorite player: Ichiro Suzuki



► **Zach Aldan**
Parents: Melissa A. Camacho and Jerome K. Aldan
Age: 15
Favorite player: Lemarc Iguel
Favorite team: New York Yankees